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THE *Mothers Mobilizing Against War* announce in a letter from their Milwaukee headquarters that they are "urging all mothers and fathers, anxious to save the lives of their sons, to join us in a pilgrimage to Washington, D. C.

"We intend to have an interview with the President, to insist on his keeping his oft-repeated campaign promise about keeping our Army, Navy and air force out of the fights of the foreign lands.

"Those who are unable to go, but willing to help finance a trip for another, are asked to contact the committee:

"Mrs. Marie Reuther, 2461 W. Center St., Milwaukee.

"Mrs. Rose Roth, 2824 N. Hartung Ave., Milwaukee.

"Mrs. Mynnie Fischer, 2763 N. 60th St., Milwaukee."

Fr. Brophy Lecture

ENTIRE proceeds from a Father Coughlin Jubilee rally, to be addressed by Father Edward Brophy, will be presented to the Radio Priest by his Chicago friends.

Father Brophy, author of *"The Christian Front,"* will deliver his lecture Sunday evening, 8:15 p.m., June 15th at Pythian temple, 6455 South Marshfield avenue. Refreshments will be served.

All sellers of SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine in the Chicago area have tickets for this affair.

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'Debris'

THE following verse was penned for SOCIAL JUSTICE readers at the bedside in a soldier's hospital. The writer calls it *"Debris"*:

"We're the echo in the valley,
Where the lost souls are forgot;
We're the broken, silent wrecks of '17.
As we lie here on our cots
All hope within us rots,
As we dream about the men we might have been!

"There, Big O'Brien's sightless eyes
Gaze hard at the spotless wall;
There's Paralytic Murphy,
'Stumpy' Smith and 'Screwie' Hall,
All lyin' here a-hopin', prayin'
For a chance to try again
But they go to sleep a-dreamin' of the men they might have been!

"Each sunrise 'holds its promise,'
Each night has its non-sense
Though you'll never know just what it all can mean;
For it couldn't be just dope,
That could lend a man such hope;
It's the feeling of us men who might have been!"

Cleveland Bus Tour

IN observance of Father Coughlin's Silver Jubilee, which will take place on Sunday, June 29, 1941, commemorating his twenty-fifth anniversary as a priest, Cleveland friends are planning to charter buses for a trip to Royal Oak on that day.

Information may be had by contacting **Mr. and Mrs. John Pressler, 3450 West 50th Street,** Cleveland, Ohio (phone Melrose 7326).

Picnic in St. Louis

THE Jefferson-Gravois Social Justice Club of St. Louis, Missouri, will celebrate Father Coughlin's Silver Jubilee on Sunday, July 6th, at their fourth annual picnic.

The Jefferson-Gravois Social Justice Club is one of the oldest clubs in St. Louis. It was organized back in the days of the National Union and has been a staunch supporter of SOCIAL JUSTICE and Father Coughlin ever since.

The club makes itself financially responsible for 300 magazines that are distributed every week through Mr. Francis F. De Moor, and while Father Coughlin was on the radio the club raised a monthly radio pledge.

Fifty per cent of the proceeds of the picnic will be presented as a gift to Father Coughlin; the other half will be kept in the local treasury to support the cause of social justice, distribution of the magazine, and the like.

For the information of all Father Coughlin's friends in the St. Louis area, the picnic will be held in McNerney's (formerly Risch's) grove, 651 Lemay Ferry Road at Bayliss Ave. Transfer from Broadway or Bellfontaine cars to Lemay bus and get off at Bayliss Avenue.

Philadelphia Picnic

THE Pilgrims' Club of Philadelphia will hold a picnic for the benefit of Father Coughlin's Jubilee fund, on Sunday, June 22, at Bierlin's farm, Domino Lane and Ridge avenue (7200 Ridge ave.). Tickets are 25 cents and include refreshments. The entire proceeds will go to augment the purse that will be presented to Father Coughlin on the occasion of the club's pilgrimage to Royal Oak over July 4, 5 and 6.

Biggest Tour Ever

THE Pilgrims' Clubs of Baltimore and Washington will join the Pilgrims' Club of Philadelphia to make the trip to Royal Oak the largest tour that has ever left the East.

Inquiries already pouring in give every indication of there being many tourists to gladden the heart of Father Coughlin and congratulate him on his twenty-fifth jubilee in the priesthood.

Pilgrims from Baltimore and Washington should contact **Mr. Peter Rydzyniske, 637 South Streeper street, Baltimore, Maryland;** while those from Philadelphia can get information from any member of the Pilgrims' Club, or from **Mr. James Farey, director, 2800 Grays Ferry Road.**

Bryan O'Rourke Tour

THE annual tour for friends of Father Coughlin from New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts, conducted by Mr. Bryan O'Rourke will give visitors an opportunity this year to take part in Father Coughlin's Silver Jubilee Week being held from June 29th to July 5th.

The O'Rourke party will leave New York on the night of July 3 and arrive in Buffalo on the morning of the 4th. They will leave Buffalo by boat at 6 p. m. and arrive in Detroit at 8 a. m. Saturday. After services and a day at the Shrine, the party will leave Royal Oak Saturday night, arriving back in New York the following evening. A rate of $23 has been announced for the trip.

Information and reservations should be made through **Mr. Bryan O'Rourke, 1817 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York (phone Westchester 7-1731 and Westchester 7-3171).**

Missouri and Southern Illinois

MISSOURI and Southern Illinois Social Justice friends will sponsor a special excursion train to Royal Oak, to honor Father Coughlin's Silver Jubilee and pay a visit to the Shrine of the Little Flower.

The Silver Jubilee Pilgrimage schedule is as follows: Train leaves St. Louis Union Station Saturday, July 26th, at 6:28 p. m. and will return to St. Louis arriving 8 a. m. Monday morning, July 28th.

The round trip, including railroad fare, bus transportation, luncheon and dinner, will be $13.

For reservations call Prospect 3700, **Joseph B. De Moor, or Wabash ticket office,** Broadway and Locust St.; or 6001 Delmar Boulevard (phone Chestnut 4700).

Schedule of Shrine Tours

June 22 — Rochester, N. Y., delegation. For information and reservations contact either of the following:

Urban G. Kress,
35 Otilla Ave.,
Rochester.
Rudolph Schwenzer,
196 Thorncliffe Dr.,
Rochester,
Phone: Glenwood 7500-J.
Lawrence Edenhofer,
Passenger Dept., N.Y.C.R.R.,
Phone: Main 6100.

June 28th — Minnesota delegation. For information and reservations contact

Mr. J. J. Burns,
700 Marquette Ave.,
Minneapolis.

June 28th — Chicago, Ill., delegation. For information and reservations contact

Mr. John Donovan,
8024 Vernon Ave.,
Chicago,
Phone: Pullman 9476.

July 4-5 — Massachusetts delegation. For information and reservations contact

Mr. Peter MacDonald,
179 Chestnut Ave.,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.,
Phone: Arnold 2119.
or
F. J. Doyle,
Travel Bureau,
Boston & Maine R.R.,
North Station,
Phone: Capital 6000.

July 4-5-6 — Baltimore and Washington delegation. For information and reservations contact

Mr. Peter Rydzynski,
328 Park Ave.,
Baltimore,
Phone: Vernon 5269-J.

July 4-5 — Brooklyn, N. Y. Members of Social Justice Club No. 1 of Greenpoint, through the efforts of its secretary, Frank Keller, 6 Lombardy Street, Brooklyn, have arranged their own pilgrimage to the Shrine.

July 27 — Missouri and Southern Illinois delegation. For information and reservations contact

Joseph B. DeMoor,
2739 Gravois Ave. at Iowa Ave.,
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Comment

Peace in the Offing

AS PREDICTED two weeks ago, the "flight" of Rudolf Hess to the Duke of Hamilton's state in Scotland proved to be more than a mere flight.

Rather, it was a peace mission engineered not by the Churchill forces, but by the loyal opposition in England which sought to discover the reasonable terms upon which the present suicidal conflict could be checked.

True, the Churchill-dominated press ran according to form in spreading lies to the effect that Hess was a prisoner, a deserter.

The newspapers throughout the world who succumbed to the lies emanating from Churchill's headquarters now recognize the deceit practiced upon them.

Why the Hess flight? Why the invitation for Nazi No. 3 to come to Scotland?

Well, when the British were driven out of Greece; when the entire Balkan peninsula became merged with the Axis powers, it was evident to sane English thinkers that the Mediterranean, the life-line of the British Empire, was lost; that Britain's cause was lost.

Then came Crete. Following the arrival of the first chutists upon the linchpin island which dominates both Egypt and the Suez Canal, Mr. Churchill again lied, publicizing a statement to the effect that all the 'chutists had either been captured or killed; that all had been accounted for.

The factuality of events is now known to all. Shortly, the entirety of Crete will be in the hands of the Axis whose strategists out-maneuvered the British; whose flyers out-fought the R.A.F.; and whose mosquito navy out-taloned the eagles from whose masts was unfurled the Union Jack.

No longer is it debatable whether or not the British life-line is intact. No longer is it debatable whether or not the British navy can save the day.

The naked truth is that the Axis powers have won this war — won it against an Empire of 500-million persons; won it against the world's greatest navy; won it against the oratory and persuasion emanating from the White House.

And a continuance of that oratory and persuasion will prove ineffective to withstand the peace movement that is now actually under way in England.

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What will be the terms of peace?

Although no one outside the leaders of the Axis powers knows the answer to that question, we submit the following thoughts on it:

(1) The formation of a United States of Europe with a financial system regulated by Berlin and an economic system operated on the basis of production for use and profit for all.

(2) The independence of each unit belonging to the United States of Europe, with three or four exceptions. It is expected that Serbia — a part of synthetic Jugoslavia — will be operated as a protectorate; that parts of Holland will be apportioned to Belgium and Germany, and the remaining portion, like Serbia, will be a protectorate.

(3) Britain will be forced to relinquish her hold on the entire Mediterranean.

(4) German African colonies will be restored.

(5) Egypt, as well as all North Africa, will be dominated by Axis influence.

(6) The French Empire will remain intact.

(7) India—through the instrumentality of a plebiscite — will gain her independence.

(8) Britain will be compelled to withdraw from Ireland.

(9) Shanghai either will be restored to China or fall under the influence of Japan.

(10) Limitations will be set for air and sea armaments.

(11) Russia will gain access to the Mediterranean.

By no means complete are the above predictions. Nevertheless, they appear to us to be the framework upon which the peace terms will be written.

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And what of the United States?

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Unfortunately — and as a result of our injudicious and illogical foreign policy — the United States of America will be isolated until such time as we can rid this nation of Knox, Stimson, Hull, Morgenthau, Baruch, Lehman, LaGuardia, Winchell, Thompson, Morgan, Ickes, Perkins, Glass, Pepper, Bishop Manning, Bloom, Sabbath, and all the others noted for their war-mongering and desire to control the world under the fiction of democracy through the agency of gold.

Writing from Washington, D. C., for the *Chicago Tribune* service (May 22), Fred Pasley said:

"Against the ominous background of Hitler's smashing attack on Crete, Great Britain's key bastion in the Eastern Mediterranean, and the imminent threat of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and the English fleet, rumors persisted here today that London, Berlin and Rome are secretly considering peace terms.

"While brusquely denied at the State Department, with no comment forthcoming from the White House, the reports were guardedly confirmed by Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, Administration stalwart and close friend of the President:

" 'Yes,' he said, 'I believe there is some peace talk going on. I at first thought Rudolf Hess was fleeing a blood purge when he parachuted to earth in Scotland. I have come to the conclusion that he was on a peace mission.'

"Connally did not reveal the source of information that had caused him to change his point of view. He closed the interview with the significant remark:

" 'As far as we are concerned, if England keeps her independence and her navy, that is all we can ask. *It is their war, after all.* We can't dictate just how they are going to draw all the lines in Europe.'

"The Texan's reference to the No. 3 Nazi leader immediately recalled to observers the abrupt postponement of President Roosevelt's fireside chat, scheduled for May 14, after Hess' dramatic landing near Glasgow four days previously; likewise the Presidential cancellation of three consecutive press conferences.

"Isolationist Senators and Congressmen who insist that the peace rumors have solid foundation, but decline to name their informants, declare that Great Britain's leaders have known their cause was hopeless ever since the Nazi hordes started their all-out drive through the Balkans, finally forcing the British to evacuate Greece."

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Meanwhile, efforts will be made in America to regiment this nation to continue the war with the remnants of international Britishers and others in the name of democracy.

And in the name of democracy, efforts will be made to militarize America.

In the name of democracy, efforts will be made to regiment our citizenry under the Italian-Jewish Mayor of New York.

In the name of democracy, efforts will be made to smear the patriotic Englishmen who did the fighting and the suffering and who will sign the peace pact.

But such efforts will be in vain although they will cost America many headaches and heartaches.

Meanwhile, it is expected that further efforts will be made to establish a new

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United States of America by bringing Canada into the economic and financial orbit of Washington; by making arrangements with Cuba, Venezuela, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico to cast their individual lots with us.

Definitely, it is too late for the United States to become engaged in the European war. Before an army could be assembled and equipped and transported either to Africa or Europe, the war will have been terminated.

And definitely, the United States will not be invited to sit at the peace table as a major participant because the Axis powers regard Mr. Roosevelt as War-Monger No. 1 and Mr. Churchill only as his willing tool.

In fact, it has been said both in Germany, Italy and Japan that the war would not have been initiated had not Mr. Roosevelt backed up Britain with promises now unfulfilled; encouraged France with promises now unfulfilled; bolstered Poland, Jugoslavia and Greece with promises now unfulfilled.

Not that Mr. Roosevelt did not plan to fulfill them. He simply over-estimated his ability to swing the American people into the maelstrom of war — and, as a result, becomes one of the most tragic casualties of the entire war.

The most important days for America are in the immediate future.

The most important days for those who believe in Christian social justice are in the offing.

Unfortunately, the followers of Christian social justice, instead of modernizing their national home, were engaged in putting out a fire.

Soon the conflagration will be controlled. Then — with patience, sacrifice and courage — we can begin where we were forced to leave off in 1934-5.

We can begin to modernize our national home along the principles which will enable us to live decently and prosperously in a world free from the domination of internationalists and gold-mongers who were able, through their influence, to dominate all life.

British Ultimatum to France —and Sol Bloom

WHILE the saner leaders in England are actually negotiating peace, through Rudolf Hess, with Berlin, Rome and Tokyo, Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, sternly and bluntly warned the Vichy government to stop helping Hitler.

Meanwhile, Sol Bloom, chairman of House Foreign Affairs Committee, let the cat out of the bag by hysterically threatening to approach Congress for a declaration of war — lest there be peace!

The world knows where Eden stands.

The world knows where Sol Bloom stands.

They both stand together — and they will fall together.

As a Foreign Minister, Anthony Eden has proven to be the greatest failure in the entire history of English diplomacy.

British troops have not won a single major victory in this war.

Anthony Eden has not won even a minor victory on the field of diplomacy.

The same for Sol Bloom.

Surely, in a nation of 47-million Englishmen — cultured, keen and capable — better timber could be found than was represented by the warped wood of Anthony Eden.

Surely, in a nation of 130-million citizens, better representation could be found than is represented by "peep-show" Sol Bloom, whose mind is filled with Bronxian proclivities.

Men of their type have done more to liquidate democracy than was accomplished by Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

The ultimatum handed to France by Anthony Eden is nothing more than a croaking swan song which — were it not so tragic — offers a Gilbert and Sullivan finale to the war efforts of the kept internationalistic politicians .

Secretary Stimson, in his proposal to kill the *Neutrality Act*, becomes a fine organ-pumper for "Gilbert" Anthony Eden and "Sullivan" Sol Bloom.

Even the school children know that the *Neutrality Act* was buried two years ago by Presidential edict.

If the great Secretary of War — Mr. Stimson — will gain any pleasure in shoveling meaningless words upon the stinking corpse of the *Neutrality Bill* at this late juncture, let him pursue his dreams grimly to amuse the American public.

"Poobah" Stimson and "Dead-Eye Dick" Knox will live long in the *repertoire* of American *opera Bouffe*.

Neutrality Law

MESSRS. Stimson and Knox have demanded the repeal of the *Neutrality Law*, as stated in the above comment.

Three weeks after the war began — September 21, 1939 — Mr. Roosevelt presented his demand for repeal of the then existing *Neutrality Law* and the substitution of the present *Neutrality Law*.

At that time Father Coughlin and others were campaigning to retain the *Neutrality Law* as it existed; and they maintained that the repeal of the *Neutrality Law* was an inevitable step leading towards war.

At that time Mr. Roosevelt said:

"To those who say that this program would involve a step toward war on our part, I reply that it offers far greater safeguards than we now possess or have ever possessed to protect American lives and property from danger. It is a positive program for giving safety. This means less likelihood of incidents and controversies which tend to draw us into conflict, as they did in the last world war. There lies the road to peace."

American Goods in Britain

ALL THIS talk about convoys employed to safeguard the delivery of American goods to Britain is more or less beside the point.

Authorities at Washington recognize that Germany will not waste fuel and energy trying to submarine ships in the mid-Atlantic when it is possible for the Nazis to destroy cargoes as soon as they are landed at British ports.

A stationary target is easier to hit than a moving ship.

Therefore, the convoy trick — and all that it entails — was designed originally not to get goods to Britain safely so much as to lure Hitler into war against the United States.

Incident after incident has transpired since the repeal of the original *Neutrality Law* and the passing of Mr. Roosevelt's *Neutrality Act*.

The United States committed overt acts of war by transferring a million rifles to Britain; by selling fifty aged destroyers to Britain; by passing the *Lend-Lease Bill* in favor of Britain; and by every act in which the American people were forced to become the arsenal and the bank for Great Britain.

Cash and carry, as predicted by Father Coughlin, has become credit and convoy — although the convoy part of it is not admitted.

Nevertheless, American flyers are transporting bombers to England and American ships, so it is said, are enroute to the Red Sea area.

Now that peace is in the offing, it is to be hoped the dead past will bury its dead and this Administration will become as notable in its activities for peace as it has been for encouraging continuance of war.

Bishop Manning— Best Cartoon of Week

IN THE May 16th issue of the *New York Daily News* there appeared a cartoon under the heading *"By a Bishop, No Less."*

Dramatically picturized, stands Bishop Manning dressed in his episcopal robes and holding an open matrimonial ritual in his hands.

Immediately before him, with arms linked, stand bride and groom.

The bride, bedecked with flowing veil, is the unseemly, ghoulish representation of World War No. 2 who looks upon His Excellency from the caverns of her eyeless skull.

The groom is the forlorn figure of Uncle Sam.

In the May 11th edition of *Our Sunday Visitor* there appeared this quotation from the pen of John Leski: "To be a press agent for war is to be a public relations man for the devil!"

We wonder if this good bishop thought of Leski's remark when he used the dignity of his high office, not in favor of the Prince of Peace, but to wed the destinies of this free country to the godless war declared by Britain upon Germany.

Somehow or other — and this thought is not intolerant — it appears to us that the Right Reverend Episcopal Bishop, whose church long since has been affiliated to the religious institution established under the regime of Henry VIII, is fearful lest humiliation for the British Crown spells humiliation for the church that supported it.

We hope not. We hope there are better things in store for all courageous Christians who refuse to accept the theory that the cross should be subservient to any crown.

Someday, Bishop Manning and other ecclesiastics, will regret the untimely words they spoke in favor of our entrance into a shooting war.

According to the *New York Herald Tribune*, Bishop Manning said:

"I hold that to meet our obligation as a nation, to assure the defeat of the Hitler forces, and to keep the war away from our land, we should now take our full and open part in this conflict and give our military and naval authorities power to take whatever action in their judgment will be most effective, in conjunction with Great Britain."

Comment

C. I. O. Victory at Ford's

As ANTICIPATED, the U.A.W. (C.I.O.) won an overwhelming victory—almost 3 to 1—in the recent labor election held at the Ford factories in and near Detroit.

By virtue of this election, the U.A.W. (C.I.O.) becomes the sole bargaining agent representing the workers with the Ford Motor Corporation.

The A.F. of L.—the only competitive union seeking the right to bargain at Ford's —was routed on every front.

Interpretation of the election is not difficult — speaking in generic terms; is not easy—speaking in specific terms. Definitely it is the greatest victory won by the U.A.W. (C.I.O.) since its founding and marks the fall of the Rock of Gibraltar, as it were, which has stood so impregnably against unionism throughout the years.

It also marks the decided decadence of the A.F. of L. as far as mass production workers are concerned.

Finally—and still speaking generically —it marks the rise to political power of the U.A.W. (C.I.O.) in Michigan.

The immediate steps to be taken by the U.A.W. (C.I.O.) in relation to the Ford organization is to begin bargaining for a general increase in wages—not a percentage increase which would be fairer, but a 10 cent an hour increase which is more appealing to the ordinary factory worker.

Speculating as to what will happen to the Ford organization and its personnel, is rife.

Will the president of the corporation change his policy towards the C.I.O., which his spokesman, Harry Bennett, persistently has labeled as Communistically dominated?

Will he bargain and bargain until an *impasse* has been reached and then hand over the key of the factory gates to the Government?

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As far as the nation is concerned, the Ford victory promises to bolster up the position of the C.I.O. throughout the entire country.

Granted that the Federal Government's foreign policy has come a cropper, there is every indication that the national defense program will suffer considerably — particularly that part of it which was identified with aid for Britain.

A program of total defense for America can keep the factories opened and the laborers engaged therein. If Britain signs the peace pact with the Axis powers, it is not outside the realm of probability that the next three years will find the C.I.O. growing so strong as to capture the next presidential election.

Meanwhile, if the factories close; if unemployment stalks through the land again, the fast-stepping Mr. Roosevelt may take over the leadership of the C.I.O. and be forced to adopt the policy of a living annual wage for all men willing to work and able to work independent of their being idle *"because no man hath hired them."*

The future is full of possibilities. But it appears that the C.I.O. is now in a position to demand—not W.P.A. wages—a living annual wage in keeping with the laborer's status of life; a wage based not upon supply only, but also upon demand; a wage predicated not only upon the gold hoarded at Fort Knox, Kentucky, but upon the ability of labor to produce.

Authority vs. Wisdom

RECENTLY a bureau chief in the U. S. War Department answered his telephone to hear a voice say: "This is the President." The voice ordered the transfer of a shipment of arms to one of the foreign "democracies."

The Army officer assumed that he was being "taken for a ride" by some professional joker, but decided to play it safe and answered: "Yes, sir, it shall be done immediately."

He then checked the call through to the White House and learned that it really had originated with the Chief Executive himself.

Mr. Roosevelt, it appears, is a breaker of precedents, not only as a third term office holder, but also as the military Commander-in-Chief.

He has long been a keen student of naval history and strategy, ever since he served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy. The President, we learn, follows all the movements of armies and fleets in the present war. His detailed war map is kept up to date from information relayed to him from the Army and Navy Departments.

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In the early days of the war, Mr. Roosevelt summoned Alf Landon, former presidential candidate, to Washington, to consult on political affairs preliminary to the 1940 political conventions. The President regaled his former opponent with a long discussion of the tactical mistakes and foolish strategy executed by the British and French armies in Belgium and France.

At that time the President was in constant communication by telephone with Ambassador "Bill" Bullitt in France. In the presence and hearing of Landon, the President *"gave advice and issued orders"* to Bullitt which were to be transmitted by him to the French High Command!

At that time, Ambassador Bullitt had given the French government assurances that the United States was prepared to give "all out" aid to beleaguered France, That, incidentally, is what the recent Petain reply referred to.

Mr. Landon told newspapermen that he was "astonished" by the President functioning as a "desk field marshal" and "office Napoleon." Mr. Landon said he was shocked by the implications of the "Chief Executive of the United States of America issuing dictatorial military, financial and commercial commands to nations of the Allies."

Mr. Roosevelt, therefore, is something more than *ex-officio* Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the United States. His role in directing military strategy is characteristically reflected in his determination to retain in the hands of the Executive the whole gigantic task of administering the nation's vast defense program.

It accounts, no doubt, for his failure to delegate any comprehensive authority elsewhere; which, rightly or wrongly, is the subject of much criticism in Congress and in the industrial and business set-up.

While it has been true that the powers of the Chief Executive, in time of war and national emergency, have always been vastly increased, it is also true that Mr. Roosevelt, even before the war in Europe, possessed greater power and authority than any of his predecessors in the White House.

Since the war, the President of the United States possesses more absolute power than the dictators of either Russia, Germany or Italy.

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There has been such an alarming increase in the New Deal's wartime bureaucracy, such concentration of power by the Executive — and diffusion of that power to his immediately appointive political officers — that many citizens, perhaps rightly, have attributed the lag in defense production to excessive and top-heavy bureaucracy.

The various chiefs, commissars, and bosses of defense agencies and bureaus possess such divided authority that they often are not capable of co-ordinating their departments with other defense agencies.

America, they point out, is trying to "out-totalitarianize" the totalitarian nations, to "out-dictate the dictators" and to out-centralize the nations in which power has been centralized.

Even the dictators of Soviet Russia, Germany and Italy have to take orders from their military and naval chiefs; but the "dictators" of America and Great Britain — elected civilian politicians — issue orders arbitrarily to both military and naval leaders.

The victories of the dictator nations, in some measure at least, have been due to the willingness of the dictators to take direction from their experts; while the defeats of the "democracies," time after time, have been traceable in great degree to the unwillingness of political dictators to surrender any authority to production, military and distribution experts.

Mr. Churchill is a case in point: he has continually dictated to military and naval experts, to plot disastrous campaigns, to plan military disasters, and to scheme naval defeats.

Lord Halifax Talks

A BRITISH ambassador — believe it or not — is barnstorming the Midwest of America advocating our entrance into the war in words like these: "My task is not to try to tell you what you ought or ought not to think or do, but only to set before you in all frankness the picture as my own British people see it."

Were an American ambassador of the Kennedy type to go from Portsmouth to Glasgow making similar statements, he would be declared immediately *persona non grata.*

Were a German minister to speak his piece, those who would assemble in a hall to listen to him would be investigated on the charge of pro-Naziism, anti-Semitism and un-Americanism.

Affairs have come to such a pass in this country that the British invasion has accomplished as much in Washington as the Nazi invasion accomplished in Paris.

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For the Record—On War

THE LEADING comment in this week's edition, (Page 3) wherein we express a degree of optimism, needs to be clarified in view of the persistent effort and set determination to engage this country in a shooting war, both of which are manifest in the speeches of Cabinet Secretaries Hull, Knox, Stimson, and others.

Official Washington recognizes Britain's cause as lost, insofar as it is impossible to save England.

Official Washington recognizes the existence of a strong peace movement promoted by many responsible Englishmen.

Were this second world war merely a contest between two moral ideologies, the President's official Secretaries would not risk by their intemperate words inviting revolution in America. Eighty-two per cent of the population are resolutely against our country's participation in a struggle whose continuance spells more suffering for the English people and inevitable disaster for their homeland.

But such is not the case.

This war is not a contest between moral ideologies.

It is, positively, a war between two economic groups—the gold group and the non-gold group.

In sheer desperation Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Knox are campaigning for our country to engage in the war—not to save American liberties, not to preserve democracy, not for the vindication of justice, but *to retain a gold economy throughout the world, and therefore, domination of the world by those who control the gold!*

Thus, the case stands: it is their plan to see the United States engaged as an active, shooting belligerent in this struggle before England succumbs under the heavy and unequal blows of the Nazi war machine.

If these Secretarial servants of the gold-mongers can achieve their purpose, it is their hope to have the United States of America take up the war where England leaves off—even at the cost of sacrificing all our liberties, in the hope of retaining their gold control in the world.

It is appalling to every normal mind confronted with this fact —the fact of a plan which is prepared to sacrifice everything a free people holds dear to satisfy the greed, and lust for power, on the part of a small minority.

Admitting that the President cannot "declare" war; that right belongs to Congress. The President and his Cabinet secretaries can make war by creating incidents which leave the Congress no alternative when time comes for the final decision.

Let the gentlemen who scorn the determined and outspoken opposition of 82 per cent of the American people weigh the consequences of their course.

Even now, they are anathema.

Should Messrs. Hull, Knox and Stimson—authorized spokesmen of the President—achieve their tragic ends, let them be prepared to stand against the wrath of an aroused populace.

No artifice, no concentration camp, no scaffold, and no firing squad can save them, even though they decide to put out of the way the most outspoken opponents of their scheme and the most determined advocates for peace.

They, together with their abbettors — the Winchells, the Thompsons, the Lehmans, the Warburgs and their like — are marked men.

Let's *Have* Unity!

ON MAY 18th the Secretary of State, Hon. Cordell Hull, called for national unity over the air waves of America.

It is time that Secretary Hull, and other members of the Roosevelt Cabinet, show some signs of "unity" themselves.

By all means, let's have unity!

If this is a representative Republic, if the majority rule, then let the 18 per cent—a minority headed, though they be, by war-mongers in the Cabinet—join with the 82 per cent of the American people who are against war!

Or else, let's get rid of this talk about "democracy" and honestly admit that our country is ruled by a minority—*and what a minority!*

Col. Lindbergh—A Challenge to Philadelphia

WITHIN the shadow of the building where the *Declaration of Independence* was born, a group of Philadelphia citizens gave birth, ironically, to the declaration of intolerance.

The owners of Philadelphia's Academy of Music declined to rent the auditorium because Mr. Lindbergh's subject was "controversial"; and because they said he would "attract only Communists, Nazis, Coughlinites and subversives."

On such flimsy and unfactual excuses the war-mongers thumbed their long noses at the *Bill of Rights*, the *Constitution*, the *Declaration of Independence* and America's foremost citizen.

To support the abject intolerance of the Music Hall group, Mr. Levy, dominant figure in radio station WCAU, refused to accept paid advertising to publicize Mr. Lindbergh's address — on the grounds, we presume, that it was "controversial."

Thus, peace in our nation is a controversial subject.

Anything that does not coincide with the war-mongering philosophy, the complex favoring Marxism and slaughter, is to be barred from the public air waves and public halls, since the Levys and their sycophants have gained power and prestige at the expense of trusting Americans.

Their opposition to free speech is both untimely and too late. Despite their attempts to engage us in an all-out effort to insure victory for Britain, they have lost—and in losing, have unveiled for the American public the ugly philosophy and sulphuric morals which motivate their lives.

High Cost of Living

EVERY housewife has observed how the cost of living is soaring skywards.

According to the *New York Sun* (May 16) the Federal Government's program for aiding England under the *Lease-Lend Bill* is responsible in large part for the high prices of eggs, butter and other milk products.

This same newspaper states that "the Government has gone into producing areas and bought large quantities of eggs, evaporated milk and cheese for shipment to England. The prices it has been offering are considerably higher than that offered by wholesalers. . . . "

As a result, the domestic wholesalers must meet the Government prices if they hope to supply their American customers.

If this observation is factual, it means that the Government, intentionally, is raising the cost of living and thereby liquidating the gains made by labor in the matter of hourly wage increases.

All of which boils down to our old contention that labor will never enjoy economic security until labor secures a living annual wage and until Congress regulates the purchasing power of our money.

Comment

Cleveland— the Union Nowists

THE Cuyahoga County chapter of *Federal Union, Inc.,* (which is the Cleveland branch of Clarence K. Streit's Union Now) came to grief May 16th.

It was an effrontery which was almost a blood relative of treason. This organization, whose objective is to melt Americanism into the imperialism of Great Britain, emboldened by our administration's foreign policy, scheduled a meeting in the Sal Moderne of Cleveland's Hotel Statler.

A determined group of indignant mothers, organized on the principle of "America for Americans," rose to the occasion to prove to these modern Union Nowists that Benedict Arnoldism will not go unchallenged either in Cleveland or elsewhere.

Indeed, Benedict Arnold, who tried to hand our country over to the British, should be now regarded as the patron saint of the Union Nowists.

In a saw-toothed editorial, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* — remarkable for its economic bigotry and its smug, complacent philosophy of international capitalism — editorialized as follows:

"Americans can only be alarmed by the activities of the organized group composed of self-avowed members of the *America First Committee,* the *United Mothers* and Gerald L. K. Smith's *Committee of One Million* in breaking up a meeting and denying the right of free speech to their fellow citizens with whom they do not agree on matters of domestic and international policy."

Indeed, Americans *can* be alarmed by the activities of organized groups — small minorities which effectively campaigned, first to crowd Father Coughlin from the air and, last, to deny Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh the right to speak in Philadelphia's famous Academy of Music!

Definitely, the common people of America have risen up against these concentrators of wealth, of privilege and of liberty — and will continue to rise up until they have been put in their common place.

There is a definite line of demarcation of speech and license of speech.

When any individual, or group, attempts to destroy the independent, sovereign nationalism of our country by merging it as a co-partner with the monstrous imperialism from which our forbears once gained their freedom, there is no academic question of civil liberty entailed.

It were a crime to permit unchallenged the attempt of the Union Nowists to spread their propaganda, quietly and with the aid of British pound sterling — as much as it were a crime to permit Josef Stalin or Adolf Hitler to preach either Communism or Naziism from our pulpits and platforms.

Instead of being a disgrace to Cleveland, these patriot mothers who howled down the speakers and broke up the meeting of the Union Nowists are to be applauded — as much to be applauded as a son who would strike down a moron engaged in attacking his mother

Let us be realists, cashiering pretty sentiment and silly sophistries in this hour of a real national crisis.

Col. Stimson's Wars

SEVENTY-THREE year-old Henry L. Stimson, appointed to the post of Secretary of War by President Roosevelt — who once maintained that Supreme Court Justices were incompetent after reaching the age of 70 — today is doing an "encore" to the same war-mongering role he played a quarter century ago in the theater of international intrigue.

His act and his lines today are almost identical to those of 1917 when he thumped the war drums and told the American people that the British fleet was America's "first line of defense," without which this nation would suffer invasion by the Kaiser.

In January, 1917, Mr. Stimson, then urged conscription as necessary for "defense," and, together with a flock of Wall Street lawyers, met at the Harvard Club to campaign for "preparedness" for World War I.

The record indicates, as we recall Ex-Senator Rush D. Holt's exposures, that practically the same group of jingoists, in the same setting, urged conscription in 1940 and initiated their campaign to put the United States into World War II.

In March, 1917, Mr. Stimson went on a speaking tour of the middlewest to combat "pacifist sentiment." In 1940 and 1941 he has followed the same route through the isolationist middlewest to combat "copper-headism."

As in 1917, he fought Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., stellar foe of war, so today he fights Charles A. Lindbergh's illustrious son, around whom the present opponents of war have rallied.

In March, 1917, Mr. Stimson contended that England's navy was America's protector, and today he reiterates the same specious argument.

In March, 1917, Stimson painted the dire picture of a German invasion of America. In 1941, he sees Nazi airmen bombing American cities, Nazi fleets off the Eastern coast and Nazi armies marching through Washington.

In April, 1917, stooging for Barney Baruch, Col. Stimson advocated a universal compulsory system for industry and agriculture, as well as for the armed forces. In 1940 he advocated the same thing and has lived to see it materialize.

In April, 1917, he urged that America send troops to Europe because "the appearance of the American flag" in the trenches would help the Allies more than billions of dollars would. In 1940 and 1941, he has been a leading howler for all material aid to Britain and for convoys. Unquestionably, he will get around to urging the use of another A.E.F. as soon as a spot can be found in Europe, Asia or Africa to land such a force.

Like his interventionist confrers, Col. Stimson accuses his opposition of being "defeatists." Yet, in 1941 as in 1917, he reveals himself to be a defeatist of the worst order.

In 1917, he said, "As a nation we are not prepared to take care of our own borders. At the outbreak of the European war there were at least three foreign powers each of which could have landed 150,000 men on our shores within 16 days."

So, unprepared America proceeded to train and arm two million men, transported them to Europe and turned the tide in favor of the Allies. Yet "Ol' Henry" said we could not have defended ourselves against an invasion force of 150,000 men!

Today, the old Colonel reiterates that America is in dire danger of invasion. At the same time he asserts that we are powerful enough to enforce the "four freedoms" and our "way of life" on all the nations of the globe.

Quite a task for a country dependent upon a foreign navy to protect its own shores!

Hotel Profits!

OVER-RUN with American dollar-a-year men, clerks, stenographers, miscellaneous experts, British purchasing agents, British diplomatists and their staffs, Washington, D. C., hotels are wallowing in prosperity.

Representative Leland M. Ford of California remarked recently in the House, "I know of hotels in this town that have increased their rates by $60 to $75 a month! That is not the rental of the room. That is the increase itself. If you take a hotel with 1,000 rooms and it has increased its rentals $75 per month per room, that is $75,000 per month, or $900,000 a year, which is 6 per cent on $15-million. That represents the increase that has taken place in the asking price on those rentals per room in the last 12 or 14 months since I have been in Washington."

The Saturday Evening Post

NEWSPAPER readers had their choice of two news items a week ago regarding the *Saturday Evening Post,* founded by Benjamin Franklin, and now in charge of the Curtis interests.

The first was as follows:

"*Seattle, Wash.,* May 16—(By the Associated Press)—Walter D. Fuller, president of the National Association of Manufacturers and of the Curtis Publishing Company, said today in an interview:

"'I have been consistently an isolationist. So has the *Saturday Evening Post*—although that policy will change next week.

"'But we're in war now. We're like a man who has jumped off a springboard and hasn't yet touched the water. He isn't wet, but he hasn't a chance of getting back on the springboard again'."

The other item was as follows:

"*Seattle, Wash.,* May 17 — (By the United Press) — Walter D. Fuller, president of the Curtis Publishing Company, today denied reports that the *Saturday Evening Post* was abandoning its isolationist policy.

"'Somebody twisted my statement,' Fuller said, 'The *Post* is not changing its policy. All anybody has to do is read the lead story in this week's issue'."

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Well, there you are: take your choice. What paper do you read? And, so, "all we know is what we read in the newspapers."

Our sympathy goes to the *Saturday Evening Post.*

We'd hate like the dickens to have anybody base his opinion of SOCIAL JUSTICE on anything he's read about it in the newspapers over the last five years.

The best source of information about SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine is its own columns. Probably, the same goes for the *Saturday Evening Post.*

Food Plea for Eire

Irish Minister States Case for Neutrality

GENERAL Frank Aiken, Minister of Defense Co-Ordination of Ireland, has been in the United States for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of wheat, ships, munitions and other materials necessary for the defense and security of Ireland.

On a recent Sunday morning General Aiken and Sean Nunan, secretary to the High Commissioner of Ireland at London, who accompanied him on his visit to the United States, attended the Pontifical Mass celebrated in honor of their visit by Archbishop John J. Cantwell at St. Vibiana's Cathedral in Los Angeles, Calif.

The sermon was given by the Rev. Father Daniel Collins, his subject, "Ireland's Right to Maintain Neutrality in the Present War."

Father Collins said in part: "His (General Aiken's) side of the case is that the Irish people should be allowed to live and work in peace, since an armed stand is useless and would be little less than an outright massacre, and who has the obligation to die without a conscious purpose? He maintains that the policy of strict neutrality or 'harm to no one' is the only way to keep that peace, since any active military participation will bring dreadful unequal reprisal from the other side."

On Sunday night, General Aiken addressed a mass meeting at Philharmonic Auditorium, discussing in detail the purpose of his mission in the United States, and explaining Ireland's stand on strict neutrality in this war.

"My mission here as you know," said General Aiken, "is to get from the American people through their Government the ships, arms and supplies wherewith to make the defense of Ireland more effective. We have very few United States dollars but we have plenty of British pounds, and we are prepared to pay in Sterling to a London account for anything you are good enough to sell us.

"What we purchase will be for the sustenance and defense of one of the most democratic States in the world. If, therefore, your Government decides to sell us the necessary ships and supplies I don't think any freedom loving democratic American need have any qualms about the transaction.

"A few days ago a leading New York newspaper advised the Government of the United States to join with the British government in bringing strong pressure to bear on Ireland to participate in the war. I don't know how the editor squares this proposition with professions of democracy.

"One of the first principles of democracy is that people concerned shall have the right to decide for themselves the vital question of war and peace. The Irish people, in the free portion of Ireland, took their decision at the outset of this war. It was practically unanimous for peace. All parties, classes and creeds, every public representative, every newspaper, all agreed that in our circumstances there was only one policy for the nation in its own interest to adopt: the policy of maintaining neutrality unless and until the territory under

EIRE TO GET FOOD, BUT NO U. S. ARMS

President Announces 2 Ships Will Be Sold to Transport Edibles for Civilians

WEAPONS IF THEY FIGHT

President Indicates Ireland Can Obtain Munitions Only by Joining War on Axis

Special to THE NEW YORK [illegible]

—From the New York Times.

national control was attacked. That is the policy of the Irish people; and the people having declared for peace, it is the duty of the government to do all in its power to maintain peace.

"I have been asked whether there is any chance of our people changing their attitude to the war. There is none. We took our decision in the full light of the circumstances and interests of our partitioned nation, and neither economic pressure nor threats of military aggression, nor promises of an Irish Utopia after the war, are going to shift us.

"We have learned a little wisdom in the hard school of experience, and if we fight in this war it will only be when we are attacked. In such circumstances we can be sure we are fighting for a clear issue; for the defense of our own free democratic institutions; for the defense of our right to utilize the resources God gave us for the cultural and material well being of our own people.

"It has been said that our present stand is due to our bitterness over what happened in the past. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, apart from the question of partition, we had settled every issue with our nearest neighbor, Great Britain. We had hoped, as our leader, Eamon de Valera, had often said, that a clear realization of the mutual importance of complete and final friendship between our two countries would secure a peaceful settlement of partition.

"Long before events in Europe proved the danger of settling such questions by force, we announced that it was no part of our policy to attempt to solve partition by force. Long before the European war appeared likely to you on this side of the Atlantic, in fact in 1935, de Valera declared that in the event of war we would not allow our territory to be used as a base of attack against England. That declaration was confirmed at the beginning of the war by our declaration of neutrality, and it has been faithfully kept to the certain knowledge of the British government if not to the knowledge of certain short-sighted, trouble-making journalists.

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"When this war broke out it interrupted the great efforts we were making at home to repair the ravages caused by centuries of military and economic warfare. The big ranches, from which the people had been driven, were rapidly being restored to families who undertook to use the land for its primary function, the growing of food for the people of Ireland.

"Our wheat campaign had reached the point where 50 per cent of our bread was being made from Irish wheat instead of 5 per cent as in 1932. Over 900 factories had been established in eight years to produce boots, leather, clothes, sugar, cement, and other essentials. These factories were well distributed throughout the towns and villages all over the country. Our large bogs were being developed to produce domestic fuel and electric power. The new Liffey-electric scheme was under way.

"We had built a hundred thousand houses in eight years to replace the hovels of the countryside and the slums of the cities; and, with the exception of wood, all materials out of which these houses were constructed were being produced at home.

"Our Social Security legislation provided not only for the aged, infirm and unemployed, but for the widows and orphans and for free milk and school meals for children of the poor. We had, of course, by no means reached the ideal state. The Social Security allowances were small compared with what we should have wished, but at least we could say that in spite of all the difficulties with which we were faced we were making rapid progress towards making the social, cultural and economic life of our people nearer to our heart's desire.

"While the war did not bring an end to our activities it slowed down progress in many directions. The British blockade automatically went into operation and we became dependent upon her will for supplies from overseas.

"When the Axis powers included Ireland in the blockaded zone it became increasingly difficult to obtain supplies. We protested against being included in the zone, but it was of no avail. They sank some of our own ships and ships which we had chartered when these were bringing to our shores the goods upon which we depended for development and for normal production. As de Valera said, we were the most blockaded country in the world.

"Shortage of wood made house building costly. Difficulty in getting new machinery held up new factories and electric power schemes. Shortage of raw material such as cotton put some of our factories on short time. Shortage of maize reduced the pig and poultry population. Petrol shortage has put an end to private motoring and thrown a large number of men out of employment. This year, we will be short about 30,000 tons of wheat if we do not get further supplies, but next year, with the big increase in tillage that has taken place we hope to produce from our own soil all the food, including wheat, required for man or beast.

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"Many people have asked why it is that Ireland is short of food. The answer is that

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we are only short of some types of food such as wheat, and that we export every year, since the war, solely to Britain, over $100-million worth of beef, mutton, butter, bacon and eggs. This is now a very considerable percentage of Britain's imports of those products but we are not getting the same quantity of the products we used to buy from Britain in return, such as coal, petrol, steel, cotton, machinery, tea, newsprint and other essential commodities. In fact, we are now piling up Sterling assets to a very big amount; thus we are only getting paper claims instead of the goods we need.

"We have had to ration petrol, coal and tea very strictly," the Defense Minister said. "The coal ration was recently reduced to 5 cwt. per household per month. We may have to retain flour and this will be a grave hardship on the poor. A number of other commodities in short supply are rationed out by the shopkeepers to their usual customers.

"I am very sorry that those of you who knew Ireland in other times can not see her as she is today. The magnificent national unity displayed by all parties for our defense program has resulted in old comrades who were bitterly divided coming together again in the ranks of the army and in the various defense forces. The regular army has been increased and tens of thousands have offered themselves whom we can not take in because of shortage of equipment.

"The local Defense Force, comprising men of every class, creed and politics, is organized in every parish and carry out constant patrols. They are a part-time force but are well trained and have their own uniforms. They are short of modern arms, but what they have will be used effectively at any hour of the day or night.

"We have, of course, no illusions as to our ability to resist indefinitely the full weight of an attack by any major power, but we believe that with proper equipment the resolute resistance with which we would oppose any attacker, would make the advantages to be gained fall far short of the cost of attempting to gain them.

"Some newspapers have accused us of callous indifference to the present war and the suffering it inflicts. This is not only untrue in regard to our present attitude, but it ignores the fact that we did all in our power to prevent the European holocaust. Some of you may remember that our leader, with the full support of our people, pleaded with representatives of the nations assembled at Geneva for a space conference to adjust the causes of strife, before the slaughter and destruction rather than afterwards. Unfortunately, this appeal went unheeded.

"Small nations and their leaders have little influence over the outbreak of war, or over war aims, or over peace terms. The best we can do as a small nation, for ourselves and for humanity, in the midst of all the uncertainties of the present war, is to defend in relation to our own soil and people, in the territory over which we have control, the principles and aims which are set out so clearly in our own Constitution."

America's Frontier Is 'Tobacco Road'

OUR FRONTIERS are "not the chalk cliffs of Dover or the Burma Road," said Congressman Martin L. Sweeney of Ohio in a recent address quoted by the *Gaelic American*.

"Our frontiers are the 'Tobacco Roads' of America.

"I would rather see the entire seven billion dollars of war supplies sunk in the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean than to see even one of our American boys go down to a watery grave," the Ohio Representative continued.

"The time has arrived for all the churches who believe in the Prince of Peace, for all labor organizations, and veterans of the first World War to register their protest against the final step toward war for America.

"We are determined that there will be no new crop of Gold Star Mothers in America," Mr. Sweeney declared.

Some other excerpts from his courageous address follow:

"Current newspaper advertisements by certain merchants in the United States and Canada now read: For sale, a comprehensive stock of British clothing and furnishings. They give thanks to the Royal Navy for insuring delivery of these goods to this continent, proving conclusively that Britain is now engaged in convoying her commerce to our shores. That being so, why does not Britain use her Royal Navy to convoy war supplies in the other direction instead of making demands for the use of our naval convoys, and the use of our ships to carry the supplies the taxpayers of America have so generously placed at her disposal.

"Since the visit of the King and Queen to Washington in June 1939, every conceivable agency has been employed once more to command our blood and our treasure to save the Empire. The press, the motion picture screen, the radio, stage, and the pulpit all compete in outdoing each other in placing the wreath of democracy on the imperialistic crown of the world's greatest Empire.

"Ask the 400-million people of India, the people of Ireland, the natives of South Africa, our friends in Trinidad, and the inhabitants of the vast territories and colonies held in subjection by the British government about democracy. Ask the relatives and friends of the Jews who are periodically slaughtered by Arabs in Palestine what they think of the British justice and British democracy.

Sword Shortage

LITTLE MORE than half of the 500 naval reservists graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., this year were able to obtain swords, an Associated Press item reports.

To save embarrassment the Navy waived the rule requiring officers to wear swords.

When an inquirer sought to learn whether the Navy had given away its supply of officers' swords, it was learned that the United States *imports them from a foreign source, now cut off.*

"In a recent publication, *'Propaganda for War,'* by H. C. Peterson, the best factual book on propaganda in existence, you will find this important statement on page 4:

" 'The British campaign to induce the United States to come to their assistance affected every phase of American life. It was propaganda in its broadest meaning. News, money, and political pressure each played its part not only in London, New York, and Washington, but also in American classrooms, pulpits and factories purposely created so that it would be impossible for this country to remain neutral.'

"When Lord Northcliffe visited this country he remarked of Americans: 'They dress alike; they talk alike; they think alike — what sheep!'

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"This was back in 1917. Can you not see the same uncanny parallel in propagandizing us into this World War? Then they called the Kaiser the 'Beast of Berlin,' and America was to be invaded by the terrible Huns. Now it is Hitler, and the invasion threat is once more with us. The Kaiser leads the 'life of Riley' at his country estate in Holland. On occasions his blood relatives, the present King and Queen of England, together with the dukes and earls, all members of the Hohenzollern clan, send him greetings on his birthday; and British journalists who called him a beast 25 years ago continue to write and publish his memoirs. It is not beyond our imagination to ask our British cousins, 'What paperhanger are you grooming to fight 25 years from now in the third World War?'

"The international bankers created Hitler. If this is a war, as some of us believe it to be, for the control of world trade and the world's gold, we should insist they leave Uncle Sam out of it. Poor old Uncle Sam is 'punch drunk' from the assaults of British propaganda administered to him. I predict should any attempt be made to send his sons into the battlefields of Europe, you will see a revitalized Uncle Sam on his feet fighting with determination that it will not happen.

"No longer should we fall for the propaganda that because we speak a common language, Britain and the United States should form an alliance and invade together. Some of us recall, not so long ago, when we asked John Bull to make a payment on the war debt he shrugged his shoulders and with fine British cunning said, 'Me no speak English!'

"Are we going to allow the British twice in a quarter of a century to draw us into the blood business of Europe? In an effort to protect their far-flung Empire are they going to be allowed to use the American-born sons of the Poles, the Greeks, the Hungarians, the Irish, the Germans, the Italians, the French, the Belgians, the Czechoslovakians, and the Yugoslavians, and other bloods, whose parents and grandparents emigrated from Europe and found asylum in this country in escaping the poverty and militarism of that war-torn continent?

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"Our frontiers are not, as has been said, the chalk cliffs of Dover, or the Burma Road in China. Our frontiers are the 'Tobacco Roads' of America; the roads of poverty, disease, and unemployment; the roads of slums, child labor, farm foreclosures, and illiteracy

HERE ARE THE CONTESTANTS!

These Men and Women, Boys and Girls, Striving To Win 135 Big Cash Prizes in Great Social Justice "Jubilee" Campaign

Now you know who are competing for the prizes in SOCIAL JUSTICE'S great "JUBILEE" Contest. The first list of contestants appears today. Of course, this list is incomplete. Because of the time element in checking entrants through office routine, there are many contestants whose names do not appear today. Their names will appear next week.

The big question is—is your name on the list? Have you placed yourself in line for the Grand Prize of $2,500.00; the Second Prize of $1,500.00; the Third Prize of $1,250.00, or any of the remaining 132 cash prizes?

Now, there are five big reasons why, if you are not entered, you should become a contestant immediately:

1. You receive 5,000 Free Votes as soon as your Nomination Blank is received by the Contest Manager.

2. You receive 20,000 Free Votes on your first subscription of one or two years turned in.

3. You receive credit on all subscriptions turned in, according to Regular Vote Schedule.

4. If you should not wind up a winner of one of the grand prizes, you will receive a reward of 10 per cent commission on all business turned in by you.

5. DURING THIS FIRST OR "SUNRISE PERIOD"— WHICH ENDS ON JUNE 30, YOU RECEIVE A BONUS OF 40,000 EXTRA VOTES ON EACH NEW SUBSCRIPTION OF ONE OR TWO YEARS YOU TURN IN.

In addition to those reasons, there is the big fact that this great campaign constitutes an effort on the part of the management of SOCIAL JUSTICE and its host of readers to pay tribute to Father Coughlin, founder of the magazine, during this, his Jubilee Year.

Today's list of contestants in no way shows a higher vote credit than merely the entrance credit of 5,000 Votes, the "Start-Off" subscription credit of 20,000 Votes and the Regular Vote Schedule credit. Subsequent printings of the names will show the vote credit more accurately.

This list is rushed into print in order that you may see whether or not one of your friends is in the Contest. If so, help him or her to win — and start to help right away.

It is safe to assume that YOUR city, town or community is NOT YET REPRESENTED on the list of contestants. What should this mean to you?

It should indicate unmistakably to you that YOU SHOULD ENTER AT ONCE — WHILE YOU HAVE YOUR HOME TERRITORY TO YOURSELF. There is $2,500.00 in cash waiting. Why not for you?

Next week we shall print more names. You can fill in right now the two coupons on the opposite page, send them in and — next week —

YOUR NAME WILL BE ON THE LIST!

CALIFORNIA

Jimmie Butler, San Diego 5,000
Delia Patterson, Los Angeles 35,000
Mrs. W. I. Schwing, San Diego 35,000

CONNECTICUT

Katherine F. FitzGerald, West Haven 5,000
Mrs M. Monefeldt, Noroton Heights 9,000
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A Lesson in Mythology

U.S. Gold Standard Is Only a 'Myth'

HAROLD FLEMING, New York staff correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor*, recently contributed an article to his journal entitled *"U. S. Seen on Gold Standard Only in Mythological Sense."*

His article reported the text of a talk which Mr. Fleming recently made over radio station WOR in New York City.

While the author is caustic in his criticism of the gold standard, the major portion of the $23-billion buried at Fort Knox was purchased at the rate of $35 an ounce, *to make pre-payment to Great Britain for the conduct of the present war!*

Of course, that was never admitted by the Government and never will be.

Nevertheless, that is a fact which is hard to explain away, insofar as Great Britain was the major producer and seller of the gold now buried in the fastness of the Kentucky mountains.

And this gold standard is the standard which both Britain and the United States are determined to impose upon the world following the war — a world that has no gold, and can trade only on the basis of labor and production.

Our exploiters want us to trade on the basis of gold and debt.

And so, the war.

It is not a war over any moral ideology. It is *a war fought for the supremacy of an economic system.*

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While SOCIAL JUSTICE does not agree 100 per cent with Mr. Fleming, nevertheless, there are so many good things in it, that we reprint it in full:

"One of the most curious things about this topsy-turvy economic world of ours today is the mountain of gold we're piling up in Kentucky. A few days ago a Government bureau reported that in 1940 we imported something like $5-billions of gold; that's more than we ever had until 1934. Two months ago the U. S. Treasury mailed about $5-billion from the over-crowded New York vaults to Fort Knox for safe keeping; the postage alone was $1,440,000.

"The stuff is buried 40 feet in the ground behind 25 inches of steel armor-plate and concrete, with a division of mechanized cavalry near at hand, in a desolate spot approachable only by a single-track railroad through mountain passes and over ravines.

"A couple of years ago the American Institute of Banking held a convention at Louisville and about a thousand bankers took the day off for an excursion to Fort Knox — but they weren't allowed so much as a squint at the buried metal on which their whole banking structure is supposed to be based. All they saw was the gleam of sawed-off shotguns.

"There are more questions stuck to that pile of gold than there are pegs on a hat-rack

"First is the question why the world digs up its gold and then we bury it.

"And the second is, what would happen if it disappeared and nobody knew it was gone?

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"Then there's the question of why we say our money and banking structure is 'based on' this gold. (Try that question on your favorite economist.)

"When we say that bank deposits are 'based on' money we mean that you can get money for them, but money can't be 'based on' gold in that sense because you can't get gold for your money. Our money-and-credit system is a set-up of golden promises of which nobody is allowed to ask golden fulfilment.

"We're on the gold standard only in a sort of mythological sense. Gold 'holds up' our credit structure only as old Atlas used to hold up the earth.

"There are other curious ideas circulating about money. One is that we aren't on gold but on a 'managed standard' of money. 'Managed standard' is a contradiction of terms, like 'rubber yardstick.' A standard is something that stays put, so that other things can be measured by it. To manage it means to jiggle it around

"A few years ago some economists actually did think that by jiggling the price of gold up and down, the Government actually could jiggle the cost of living up and down. Wall Street economists laughed when the Administration sat down at the financial piano and tried to play a tune of the cost of living by juggling the price of gold — and they were right — it didn't work.

"But the idea wasn't really so very much different from the old-fashioned notion handed down by generations of bankers and economists that by holding the price of gold steady you could hold the cost of living steady. That never worked either.

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"England and America have tried since the days of William the Conqueror to use precious metals as a standard of value, by which to hold the cost of living steady and the periodic wrecks of that hope are strewn down money-history every generation from the Hundred Years' War to Shakespeare, and every 15 or 20 years from Shakespeare down to today.

"In the first of those periods, when gold and silver were actual currency, the coinage wore out so fast it had to be re-minted about every 35 years and with every re-minting the weight of the coins had to be cut to avoid disastrous inflation.

"In the last of those periods, which means the whole of capitalist history while there has been a credit-debit system, about every 15 or 20 years people suddenly come to distrust the golden and silver promises in which business was done, asked to see the color of their money, and socked it away in the old sock — and business came to a disastrous standstill until the panic was over.

"There is an idea around that the gold standard has done pretty well until the last ten years, but history doesn't bear it out. In only two out of the last eight centuries have people been content to leave it alone. Sir Isaac Newton, the man who watched the apple drop and figured out the Law of Gravitation, fixed the mint price of gold in England around 1700 and people stood for it until 1931; but those are the only two centuries in English history when people have been willing to let the standard alone. It hasn't had even that good a record in this country.

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"One of the reasons for the American Revolution was the effort of English merchants to impose hard money on the colonies, and one of the reasons for the writing of the *Constitution* was a rebellion of farmers up in Massachusetts who objected to a hard money law passed by Boston.

"One of the side-skirmishes that led to the Civil War was the effort of Alabama and Mississippi planters to set up unsound-paper-money banks; for 19 years after the Civil War the country refused to go back to the gold standard, and got along on greenbacks; ten years later the silver movement broke out; during the World War we had to suspend gold payments, and 15 years after it was over we suspended them again — and they're still suspended. We never had that much trouble with any other standard of weight or measure.

"Last year we imported $4,750,000,000 worth of gold. That was more, in dollar value, than the total of all our imports and exports of everything else put together. It was four or five times the value of all the airplanes we hope to export to England this year, and nearly 100 times the value we'll probably export in cotton.

"Most of that gold was 'flight capital.' It wasn't in payment for American exports. *It was sent here for safekeeping from the shadow of the European war.* The volume has increased steadily in recent years until last year's flood. But now the flood is abating.

"Practically all the world's gold reserves have been drained to this country. That goes for Britain, Canada, France, Japan — South America — name any country. Our Federal Reserve Board now reports the gold holdings of the Bank of England — guardian of the gold standard for over a century — at $1.00 — a rather nominal sum. So now there's no more gold to come to this country except the newly mined gold.

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"Many economists think that this is just due to the war, and that after the war we can go back to the old gold standard and that somehow perhaps the gold will be distributed round again. But — there's been a great change in the last generation in the world's habits, and attitudes toward gold. Economists still talk about gold's having 'an appeal to fundamental human instincts' — but the fact is that people have lost practically all interest in gold except to talk about it.

"There's not an industrial country in the whole world today, within the fringes of civilization, in which gold still circulates. And that's not because in the last ten years every government has banned its circulation. People just got tired of it. They found paper money more convenient.

"Big bankers tried over and over again to pump gold back into circulation, but people wouldn't use it. It wears away. It burdens the pocket. Large sums in gold

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are cumbersome; $5 gold pieces roll under the bureau and get shoved in the jitney box in place of a nickel. People dropped the habit of using it, lost interest in it, and only wanted it at Christmas.

"Also, the habit of relying on gold as a base for money or credit has died away. One of the most revolutionary steps taken by Great Britain since the war started came in the first month, when the entire gold reserve behind the British currency was turned over to the exchange equalization fund. There's practically no gold today behind any important currency in the world — and nobody but economists cares.

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"During the World War every nation took drastic steps to keep its gold at home. During this war every nation that had any gold except the United States has seized the chance of getting $35 an ounce for it from us.

"And this isn't all. A lot of people have got out of the habit of using gold for its original purpose — for decoration, eye-appeal, and appeal to pride of ownership. In the 1920's about half the world's annual gold production used to go into the arts — that is, into the making of rings, state-house domes, plates, cups, dental work, and so on. Now only about one twentieth goes into such use. For display purposes people now use costume jewelry, new plastics and metal alloys, and shiny motor cars.

"You have to go clear round the world to India to find people still using gold for decoration, and even the East Indians in recent years have been exporting out of their hoards and decorations. This all means that another widespread change in people's everyday habits has been made to the disadvantage of gold.

"All over the world governments have, as we did, raised the price of gold sharply. The result has been the same as happens whenever the price of anything is artificially lifted. Production has increased; use has decreased. The world used to mine 20 million ounces of gold a year and use 10 million. Now it mines 40 million and uses 2 million.

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"It's curious to go over the economists' discussions of recent years about what we should do with our golden mountain. Everything has been suggested, and everything rejected. We can lower our buying price, but that would upset foreign exchange and make it so much the harder for the British to pay something on armaments, because they control most of the world's gold mines. We can raise the price, but the present price is already enough of a magnet to drag gold from all over the world, and raising the price would also upset our Treasury's bookkeeping.

"Some of the bankers want us to try to force it into circulation, but people don't want it, and we'd be lucky if half a billion out of the 22 billions went into coin use. We can lend it to foreign countries, but that's something like a consistent winner at poker offering to lend indefinitely to the steady losers. We can stop buying, but that, too, would upset foreign exchange and hurt the British; and we can continue to buy.

"So it looks as though we're stuck with the gold, as the Malay States were stuck with the rubber 15 years ago when they tried to hold up the price, and as Brazil was stuck with her coffee, and began burning it in locomotives.

"Perhaps at some future time we may be willing, as a nation and a Government, to take our loss, and perhaps try to encourage the popular use of gold for ornament, by offering it to the jewelers for $10 or $15 an ounce.

"But it looks as though the problem of how to get our money back on this mountain of noble metal, or noble mountain of metal, is going to turn out, after the war, to be very much like the problem we worried through in the 1920's, of how to collect the war debt. We never did collect it, and we finally had to take the loss.

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"The real trouble seems to be that gold was never cut for a good currency except in rough and disorderly times, like the middle ages, where its extraordinary hoardability was really a virtue. When capitalism came along with its credit structure, nobody knew any better than to make the structure of promises a structure of golden promises, and this hoardability of gold became a curse, every 15 or 20 years.

"Few people really wanted to hoard it, but everybody knew that in a pinch, it couldn't be turned out like iron or copper, and that society had made a whale of a lot of promises to produce the one thing that couldn't be produced in a pinch. So people figured they better hurry and get their gold before the other fellow asked for his.

"And another thing. In the day of doubt they always rushed their gold from the doubtful spots to the safe spots. First it used to go from the weak goldsmiths to the strong; then from the shaky banks to the reliable; then from the uncertain cities to the safe ones; and then from the doubtful countries to the secure. Gold just naturally gravitates, in any times of doubt, from where it's most frantically wanted to where there's already plenty of it.

"And the urge to get it out of danger also varies from time to time as well as from place to place. People's interest in it has varied every 15 or 20 years from complete indifference to frantic desire. That's the business cycle. Despite what some economists say, it might have been better if the credit system for the last 300 years had been based on something like iron or copper, more reliable and less hoardable, however bulky, instead of on gold."

Price Control

THE fixing of a maximum price on any or all products is only the first step in price control and must almost inevitably be followed by other more drastic measures during a period of wartime crisis, according to a Commerce-Department study of Germany's extensive price-control experience.

Although the United States is much better off economically than is Germany due to its abundance of foodstuffs, the German experiments are seen as a warning to Americans that the stabilization of prices is no easy or quick affair and carries many unforeseen complications.

Prepared by Louis Domeratzky, chief of the European Unit of the Department's Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and based on an analysis of German price control efforts beginning with World War days, the report says that the governments seeking to stabilize prices are generally forced to investigate, and perhaps control, the entire field of production and distribution.

Mr. Domeratzky also notes that Britain, which entered the war with a fairly free economic system, has been forced by the war to follow in Germany's footsteps and has now entered the stage of active control of industry.

While politicians are busied damning Naziism, the professional economists at Washington are planning steps which will lead us into the Nazi price control policy— a policy designed to help the bondholders more than the laborers.

Sometimes one thinks that much of the "aid for Britain" policy is froth beneath which curds the sour milk of a Marxist attempt to establish in America what we condemn abroad.

In a letter which appeared in last week's edition of this magazine, a British officer's wife warns Americans not to expect thanks at the conclusion of the war.

Why should the English people thank Americans who, openly and repeatedly, have said that they are interested in this war, not out of love for Englishmen, but simply out of concern for themselves?

Have we not stressed the idea that Britain is our first line of defense?

Are we not using the poor Englishmen — women and children particularly — simply *as buffers for our own unpreparedness?*

'Blitzing' the Farmer

CONGRESSMEN insisting that the Administration purchase more farm products in connection with the National Defense Program, were told that if the price of farm products was "not more than 5 per cent higher" than what the same products could be bought for in other countries, our farmers' produce would be bought.

In other words, if the United States Government can buy cotton, wheat, corn, beef, or anything else we need, for 5 per cent less from any other country, the New Deal intends to buy outside the United States instead of from the American farmer.

Is that plain enough?

In view of the fact that the taxpayers of this country—including the farmer—furnish the money to make the purchases, that sort of program does not seem just, to use the mildest word possible.

How can the American farmer pay his taxes, if his own Government will not purchase his products?

Our farmers, furthermore, are finding it difficult to get help because high wages are being paid on Government jobs in the cities.

How can an American farmer hope to grow farm crops as cheaply as they are grown in other countries where labor is conscripted, or paid but a few cents a day?

Hoisting engineers on a defense project in St. Louis, Missouri, Congress was told, are paid $80 for 40 hours' work and, for Saturday and Sunday, an additional $64, or a total of $144 for the week.

Now that's fine, but American farmers simply cannot meet that kind of "competition."

Britain's Near East Problem

Some Facts About Iraq

THE UNSAVORY, tumultuous history of Iraq, latest independent State to suffer invasion — this time by the British — has remained, for Americans, a mystery.

Locked in between Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia, with an outlet on the Persian Gulf, this young Arab state is the principal Middle Eastern oil source for the British Empire's Mediterranean fleet.

It has also become Britain's "Suez Canal" of air communications, and its air bases are as closely guarded by British soldiers as its oil wells.

Although Iraq was admitted to the League of Nations as an independent State in 1932, two years after the British renounced their mandate, its economic, political and cultural life have been tightly held under British control.

Originally under the rule of the Turks, the 3,560,456 inhabitants of Iraq have for the past 25 years served Great Britain in all but name.

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How Britain acquired this fertile land with its valuable oil field goes back to the last war.

In November, 1914, the British, at war with Turkey, entered Basra, which together with the two other former Turkish districts, Mosul and Baghdad, make up modern Iraq, the Turkish rule was proclaimed at an end.

The campaign continued with the help of the Arab inhabitants who were promised fulfillment of their dream of an Arabic empire in return for armed aid against Turkey.

Accepting the British promises, the Arab leader, Emir Feisal, together with the fabled Lawrence, led the "revolt in the desert" which drove the Turks back.

But when peace and victory came in 1918, the Arabs, like many others who had fought for the British Empire, found that secret treaties contracted by Britain deprived them of their own war spoils.

Syria, which was to have been part of a new Arabic State, went to France and Emir Feisal, who was to have ruled a vast Arabian empire, was condescendingly made king, only to be exiled when he took his new duties seriously.

Iraq itself was put together, not to satisfy any Arab dream, but to secure its oil fields and to form a British buffer State between India and Turkey and Russia.

In 1920, Great Britain further frustrated her former Arab allies by obtaining a mandate from the League of Nations over Iraq, despite a former declaration that a national government without alien rule would be bestowed on the new State.

Shortly after that, nationalist leaders in Iraq rose in open revolt against the British and 50,000 troops had to be rushed in from India.

In August, 1921, Britain appeased Emir Feisal by making him King of Iraq, and a semblance of order was restored.

Nationalist feeling rose again in 1922 and British residents were murdered. In retaliation, Britain suppressed all newspapers and nationalist demonstrations.

Finally, in 1930, Great Britain, after having acquired 75-year leases on all the important oil fields through British-controlled oil companies, signed a *Treaty of Alliance* with Iraq by which she renounced her mandatory rights and recognized Iraq as an independent State.

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The Articles of this *Treaty* belie the intentions of the British to give any real independence to such a valuable Empire asset as Iraq.

Article IV states that Great Britain and Iraq agree to come to each other's aid in case of war and compels Iraq to furnish use of railways, rivers, ports, aerodromes and means of communication.

What form of aid Britain is to give Iraq in case of war is conveniently not mentioned.

Article V gives Britain sites for air bases in Basra and permission to maintain armed forces there, free of taxation.

Thus, this child of the World War and Wilsonian idealism remained under the thumb of British imperialism.

Sir Francis Humphrys, British ambassador to Iraq, spoke truly when he wrote to a friend in 1932 in anticipation of Iraq's entrance into the League of Nations that year.

"The British influence," he wrote, "would be much greater after the lifting of the mandate than what it has been . . ."

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Then in 1933, when British influence was still all-powerful in Iraq, the barbarous massacre of thousands of innocent Assyrians took place.

Only about 40,000 strong in the midst of 3-million Moslems, this ancient Christian Semitic race occupied a precarious minority position.

Their safety was further endangered by the fact that the British, promising them future protection, had compelled them to fight their Moslem neighbors during rebellions.

Fully aware of all this, the British, nevertheless, took it upon themselves, without prior consultation with the Iraqi government, to advise the Assyrians to leave the country if they were not satisfied.

Assuming this advice to be official, a few thousand attempted to cross the border into Syria.

In the meantime, the government, taken by surprise at this unauthorized exodus, sent troops to intercept them; fighting resulted and 20 Arabs and 95 Assyrians were killed.

This was all that was needed to fire the anti-Assyrian forces and on August 7, 1933, an official massacre day was declared with a price of one pound set for every Assyrian head brought in dead or alive.

Terrified Assyrians were told by the Iraqi government to go to the village of Semel where they would be protected.

Upon arriving in Semel, the Assyrians found betrayal and death awaiting them instead of government protection.

Priests were barbarously tortured; Assyrian women were stripped and paraded in front of the Iraqi Commander; girls of nine were raped and burnt alive with their holy books.

All the while this bloody butchery was taking place, British planes were circling overhead taking pictures!

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Instead of sending troops to protect the Assyrians, the British for once decided to let the Iraqi government "conduct its own internal affairs."

An English eyewitness said: "I saw and heard many horrible things in the Great War, but what I saw in Semel is beyond the human imagination."

And another Englishman, A. T. Wilson, writing in the October, 1933, issue of *The 19th Century and After*, blamed the British for the massacre.

"The Assyrian problem," he wrote, "as it now exists, is thus largely of our own creation, and a solution has been made difficult by our own action, or rather inaction.

"It was our duty to settle the Assyrians before we gave up the mandate. The Iraqi government could scarcely have done worse, but their folly is the result of our spinelessness."

One month after the massacre, King Feisal died — reputedly from worry and shame, but more likely because he smoked 100 cigarettes a day — and was succeeded by his 21-year-old, English educated son, Ghazi Ibn Feisal.

Following the pro-British policy of his father, Ghazi ruled until 1939 when he was killed in an automobile accident.

Feisal II, Ghazi's three-year-old son, then became King and his uncle, Emir Abdul Illah, governed Iraq under a regency until the pro-Nationalist's Ali Beg Gailani's recent *coup de' etat.*

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Although the future of Iraq, now caught between the armed forces of Britain and Germany, cannot be foretold, its deplorable state — a direct result of British colonial misrule — can be analyzed.

Today, the majority of the inhabitants are ignorant, fanatical tribesmen, less than 5 per cent being able to read or write. Primary schools are free but not enforced and there is no university.

Christians, who are by far the most educated class, have been systematically fired from teaching positions and schools virtually closed to both Christian and Jewish children.

The Jewish population of 90,970 is continually persecuted and it is a crime to execute a Moslem for killing a Jew.

Even the mass of Arabs are kept in bondage because a former British policy to give large tracts of land to a few families, thereby creating a powerful and wealthy feudal class.

Most important, the British cannot claim the internal affairs of Iraq are beyond their control, because they indirectly control every phase of Iraq's political and economic life.

The country's currency is controlled by an Iraq currency board seated in London.

The Iraq army and air force of 28,000 are officered by Englishmen and the Ministry of Defense advised by a British Military Mission.

British citizens head all the important civil courts and British oil companies have long-term leases to all the important oil fields.

Iraq is, definitely, Britain's problem.

The Christian Revolution

Catholics — Defeat or Victory?

WOLSEY, Richelieu and Talleyrand — these were three eminent churchmen who compromised their Church by following the kings of their day along the naturalistic political course which leads to destruction.

"Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king," lamented Wolsey, who was an expert in saying the pleasing thing and, for diplomatic reasons, omitting to say the courageous thing.

We hope that we shall never see their like again — particularly in this day when "talleyrandism" threatens to be the undoing of Christianity in America.

This thought was suggested by John J. O'Connor's contribution to *America*, the national Jesuit review (May 17th).

"During the past 400 years," he wrote, "Catholics have gone down to defeat in nearly every nation on the face of the earth — with two or three possible exceptions. The new ideologies have rolled like a mammoth Juggernaut over their protesting bodies.

"Generation after generation of Christian fighters has been outflanked, outmaneuvered, surrounded and liquidated. Year after year, the fight has gone on against terrible odds. Martyrs have shed their blood in Russia, Hungary, Poland, Mexico and Spain. *Viva Christo Rey!* — followed by a shower of bullets.

"It was a superb, gallant fight. Even Sigmund Freud, who spent a lifetime smashing the last poor fragments of a Christian civilization in ruins, was forced to admit that Germany was returning to barbarism and that the Catholic Church was the stronghold of intellectual freedom.

"The martyrs are dead. Freud is dead. Where are we?

"Today, American Catholics are being asked to shed their blood for that particular kind of secularist civilization which they have been heroically repudiating for four centuries. This civilization is now called 'democracy,' and the suggestion is being made that we send the Yanks to Europe again to defend it.

"In reality, is it worth defending? What's the sum and substance of it? All the Yanks in America will not save it from disintegration. Unless a miracle occurs, it is doomed — finally and irrevocably doomed. The New Order in Europe will be either a Nazi or a British totalitarianism, or a combination of both — a planned economy based on the principle of brute force.

"It was difficult for a sick mind to reach that conclusion — to cut through hysteria and wishful thinking of our generation in order to reach the core and center of reality.

"We would like to think that Britain is fighting for Christianity and godliness. We would like to believe what the British have been telling us. We do not believe it, however, because there is scant factual evidence to support the British contentions.

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"Are we asking for too much? We do not ask for British war aims, because we would have absolutely no confidence in them if they were published at this time. We would suspect another propaganda trick, and we are sick to death of mere words. But if there is to be a Christian order after the war, what are the British waiting for? Do they expect to pull it out of Churchill's hat, at some vague indefinite future time, and make it work?

"If there is to be a Christian tomorrow, Christian deeds must be performed today. We are perfectly willing to forget all about Britain's past sins, but we do have the right to insist that Britain begin the new Christian order immediately. Once again, we are not asking for much — just a crumb of that splendid and magnificent new order, here and now, which has been promised for future delivery.

"The creation of a new Christian order would not, of course, be a unilateral enterprise. American democracy is disintegrating, crumbling from within. Fatigue, disillusionment, disgust, the unbearable tension in society, the fear of war and the fear of bankruptcy, the absence of security, the technological revolution which has gone far beyond the instruments of social control, a deep-rooted, anarchistic hatred of a social order which has too long denied the principle of social justice, the revolt of the masses and the leveling off of all values, the absence of any common ethical basis — these are but a few of the multiple factors in the decline which is now upon us.

"The growing anarchy can be resolved in only two ways: totalitarianism or Christianity. We are already well along the road that leads to dictatorship. If we enter the war, we shall lose beyond recall everything we pretend to fight for — freedom and independence, personal initiative and inalienable rights, peace and security. If we stay out of the war, but persist in postponing the establishment of a Christian social order until a decision has been won in Europe and in the Far East, it will be too late. *The salvation of American democracy depends upon two things: staying out of the war in Europe and starting the Christian Revolution NOW!*

"But the shock-troops of the Christian Revolution are themselves sick at heart, wavering, unorganized, timid, compromising, and suffering from the sense of strain brought about by the effort to lead a Christian life in a corrupt and almost completely paganized society. Only an herculean effort, both in England and in the United States, can save the traditional democratic way of life, and American Catholics, at least, seem to be utterly incapable of it. What's the use? Perhaps it would be better to say our beads and mind our own business. After all, there is something very attractive about the catacombs — cool and quiet and thoroughly Christian.

"Leadership in this crisis will not come from the laity. It will not come from the bottom of the Catholic pyramid. It will come only from the top, from the Hierarchy. The Christian Revolution will begin when we decide to cut loose from the existing social order, rather than be buried with it, and release the dynamite that is stored up in the Christian Gospel! It will begin when the order goes out from our Bishops, putting every available priest, seminarian, brother, layman and laywoman on street corners and in public parks, teaching Christianity after the manner of the Apostles. It must be an all-out effort in every department of life.

"Would the laity respond to some such all-out command? I think they would. It is at least worth a trial. Anything is worth a trial. Meanwhile, we resemble millions of other Americans who are standing around with their fingers in their ears."

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The Wolseys, Richelieus and Talleyrands in high places in the Christian Church were failures in the past. If there are any of their type today, they will be failures now.

What America needs now is a Christian revolution.

The part that Christians have played in fashioning the old America has been eulogized.

The part that Christians have not played in modern America has not been emphasized.

As remarked before in these columns, Christians have been too content to jump on a naturalistic or non-Christian band-wagon, hoping to drive it from the back seat instead of building their own band-wagon and driving it from the front seat.

While Christians are ordered to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," this order does not imply that they must applaud Caesar in all his works and pomps — works and pomps designed to glorify the dissolution of the Christian concept of home, school, factory, banking house, law court and congressional chamber.

When Caesar is right Christians are with him.

When Caesar is wrong Christians should tell him so — and tell the people so.

Elsewhere in *America Magazine* (May 3) there appears *"An Open Letter on Inter-Faith Meetings"* by Edward F. Brophy, which has a bearing on the present occasion.

Common to Wolsey, Richelieu and Talleyrand was an effort to fuse all philosophies and political segments into a solid mass of national support.

How miserably these leaders failed in their purpose is eloquently attested to by history.

In America — and under the generic name of Christianity — there are divisions of religion which are as foreign to each other as night is to day. To attempt to fuse them will result in confusion.

Thus, Edward F. Brophy writes:

"I was attracted by the letter written to *America* (January 25) by the Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.SS.R., warning people against the spiritual harm which might come to them from a too ready and thoughtless acceptance of the program being employed by the *Inter-Faith Movement.* Father Connell implies that this program involves scandal and a definite violation of an express prohibition of Pope Leo XIII.

"It was interesting to read, in the issue of March 1st, a prompt and indignant reply from the pen of that able teacher and writer, Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S. J., of the faculty of the Catholic University. Father Parsons seemed full satisfied that his letter would completely dispel whatever likely fears Father Gonnell's letter had suggested

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Letters

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The People Always Wake Up Late

To the Editor:

I admire the Christian American attitude taken by your paper and its founders, and realize that present conditions are directly due to the "dumbness" of the average American like myself.

We know the facts and ignore them. We won't participate in any Christian or American movement, unless it presents an opportunity to inflate our ego, or bank roll. And we're indignant if our Christianity, Americanism or democracy is questioned.

Our type of Christianity permitted the Christian Fronters to be outlawed as rebels, and to prove our "tolerance" we assisted the persecutors instead of defending the Fronters.

We practice our sort of tolerance, too, by refusing to buy Christian.

We go to church on Sunday, unless we're working on defense contracts. Then, we demand double time for desecrating the Sabbath.

We say prayers for peace and another one that this melee won't be over too soon, and put us back on the W.P.A.

We listen to the pros and cons of a controversy then string along with the popular viewpoint, be it right or wrong.

I'm making a resolution to immediately align myself with some Christian American group and do everything possible within my capabilities to eliminate these evils. Of course, I'm liable to be out riding or visiting some Sunday when this group meets and I'll have to postpone attendance until a more "convenient" time.

And when these groups are silenced — it can't happen here? ask Father Coughlin — and the "isms" within or without take over, I'll be kicking myself for the chump that I am. I'll have plenty of company as big a suckers as myself, which will be very poor consolation when you start paying through the nose.

— **M.F.H.**

Watertown, Mass.

Communism Encouraged

To the Editor:

One reason why Soviet Communism is gaining a strong foothold in this land *is due to the fact of its being officially encouraged.*

In the May 5 issue of the *New York Journal-American*, one reads wherein Governor Lehman slashed $47,000 from the appropriation of the Rapp-Coudert Legislative Committee investigating Communism in our public schools.

State Senator Coudert is quoted as stating, "I cannot understand why the Governor should want to cripple the committee in its pursuit of subversive elements in our educational system."

The *Daily Worker* hailed Mr. Lehman's action as a "victory" for Communism!

Now, it is no secret that Governor Lehman, brother of an international banker, is in fact an interventionist for a capitalistic war against Germany.

May one ask, how can national unity be achieved when it is being discouraged by the very ones advocating it?

Co-incidentally, why are the many strikes, Communist-inspired, permitted in this time of crisis and "emergency"?

They want "all out" for a capitalistic war against a nation 5,000 miles away while it's all right for Communists to undermine and throttle our traditions and institutions, here at home.

This is written by a poor, but proud American.

— **M.J.K.**

College Point, N. Y.

Youth Back Lindy

To the Editor:

Charles A. Lindbergh has started a non-stop fight to save America with the same courage he possessed when he conquered the storm-tossed span of the Atlantic.

The youth of this nation are with him since his spectacular flight in 1927, and no Ickes, Willkie or Winchell, will ever be accepted by them as a substitute for their hero.

The fighting Yankees of 1941 know the war-mongers, and will not be easily led by them.

Lindbergh can save this generation from suicide. Let us rally around the "Lone Eagle." His knowledge of world affairs are worth more to the men and women of our day than all the gold buried at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

— **M.T.**

Philadelphia, Pa.

Be Not Deceived— God Is Not Mocked

To the Editor:

What a contrast, statesmen crying for more strong men and more deadly weapons and our Holy Father pleading for more prayers from weak children! And what an example to us to put away the wisdom of the flesh and really begin to put our whole trust in God and His undeceiving word.

Our Holy Father does not confuse faith with fatalism, neither is he foolish like many of us who pray for peace, then ridicule those who are working for peace and cheer the people and things that lead to war. We should call to mind the advice of one of the saints. "Pray as if all depends on God but work as if all depends on yourself."

Who would be so foolish as to say that all would be well if the war ended today? For this war is a natural result of unnatural living, and until the cause is removed it will just be a question of when and how long war can be fought.

Let us study the sad picture of our modern world, the causes and cures for its world wars. Surely this is not a war where hordes of barbarians are raiding peace-loving Christian countries. Neither is it a war where true Christianity is pitted against false. But it is a war caused by Christians becoming false to truth, by discarding revealed truths and substituting the wisdom of the flesh.

See the inordinate love that is given to atheistic intellectuals, to divorced actors, to worthless heroes. See the numerous schools which stand as monuments of mockery to this foolish course. And, perhaps, if you went inside you would be greeted by a mental giant who won the admiration of his fellow students by his ability to eat more live gold fish or white mice than they could ever hope to consume.

I am sure they could all tell you what the Creator of the intellect said we must all do so that we "may not taste death forever."

No honest person can deny that this is the sin from which springs all other disorders. No sensible person can picture anything in the future except more wars, more suicides, more birth control, more insanity, nervous breakdowns and the like until the cause is removed.

To what terrible state we have reduced ourselves even looking at it with a darkened intellect. How much more terrible in the all-seeing eyes of God.

How can an all kind and just God permit His creatures to continue in this state, even though it is necessary to destroy the whole world, or at least all modern civilization, to stop it. This will surely happen unless we seriously begin to make reparation, and change.

Yes, there is a great need for the prayers of little children and for anyone who has the least sense of justice to make reparation to our outraged God.

— **A.M.**

St. Louis, Mo.

Reds Stole Her Boy

To the Editor:

My son has been converted to Communism and he and I have many arguments. I think it is what is called the "fifth column" way, as they all are registered as Democrats.

I have had a hard talk with him many times, and told him that Communism was gotten up by the anti-Christians who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they are clever tricksters.

In his Red meetings he is taught that Russian Marxism is democracy and true Christianity. He brags of Karl Marx and Josef Stalin. He tells how well the poor are doing in Russia. It is all fine under Karl Marx, he says.

They teach him against our capitalistic system and say the rich are getting it all and that they can well afford to pay the workers high wages when they are making 50 per cent.

They are being taught the worst kind of class hatred — especially against the industrialists and ministers. He wrote me: "All ministers are hypocrites and should be put in concentration camps" and that the Dean of Canterbury says Russia is the only place they have real Christianity and that it is practiced there, and that England will have Communism after the war.

Now you can see how our young folks are being influenced. All that I, his mother, can say could not change what is being poured into this good, kind-hearted boy. They poison the minds of our youth with this hatred and cruel propaganda.

If England is to have Communism after this war, why do we tax ourselves into bondage to help her? — **Mrs. H.V.M.**

Dinuba, Calif.

Pupils Notice It, Too

To the Editor:

I am a junior in high school, and sorry to say that I have a temper. It worked overtime a short time ago when our United States history teacher said in one of our discussions that Father Coughlin was "one of the biggest fascists" in this country, and that it was "very lucky that he was put off the air."

I don't take social problems, but today one of the students who does, said that in the social problems class that this same teacher told them that Father Coughlin was (of all the impossible things for a Catholic priest to be) a "Communist." That was the final stroke. I had to write to you.

This teacher is so very pro-English, that towards the beginning of the school year of 1940 she said that we would be just as well off under England's control as is Canada.

Do we students have to put up with this sort of thing?

A while back, in one of the Southern States, a school teacher lost her job for a thing as comparatively harmless as teaching her students how to mix cocktails.

— **Student.**

Dodgeville, Wis.

Letters

Save the Constitution

TO THE EDITOR:

In conjunction with millions of fellow-Americans of foreign birth, I arrived here gasping for a whiff of God-given freedom, yearning to become a citizen of this once glorious, proud, independent, liberty-loving nation.

Subsequently, with uplifted hand in the presence of my God I solemnly renounced under oath with joyous heart all political connection with the British Empire.

Simultaneously, I proudly and solemnly swore to uphold, defend and maintain the *Constitution* of these United States of America.

Have I faithfully fulfilled that oath? I have not any more than those other millions of naturalized citizens referred to.

No, we have to our shame be it said remained and still remain as dumb and mute as mice; lifting neither voice, pen nor sword while our beloved *Constitution* has been repeatedly violated, sneered at, trampled upon, denounced as a musty moth-eaten meaningless document, fit only for the days of the horse and buggy.

Good enough for our visionary forebears meaning among other immortals Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln; but too silly and insignificant to be respected by arragant avowed internationalized foes of our beloved *Constitution* including pro-British imperialistic tories, international non-Christian money changers, and hordes of self-seeking degenerate political despoilers and apostates of the Senate and the Congress.

Fellow Americans, it is not yet too late to rescue and preserve our *Constitution* to which we have sworn allegiance and are bound under oath to defend.

Gardner, Mass. — J.B.K.

He Keeps a File

TO THE EDITOR:

In SOCIAL JUSTICE of May 5, page 16, W.V.P. of Minneapolis writes, with reference to the stanza of the *"Star Spangled Banner"* which is consistently omitted: "Here is something that few Americans know . . ." May I call W.V.P.'s attention to SOCIAL JUSTICE for January 22, 1940. On page 9, column 3, this issue covers adequately the subject to which W.V.P. refers. The article includes the third stanza of the *"Star Spangled Banner."*

W.V.P. may be interested in other significant remarks about the *"Star Spangled Banner"* in the following issues of SOCIAL JUSTICE:

1940: August 12, page 2, column 3; page 15, column 3.

1941: January 13, page 18, column 2; January 27, page 14, column 2.

St. Paul, Minn. —A.M.T.

Building for Peace

TO THE EDITOR:

The internationalists, interventionists and pro-British warmongers are so alarmed about German trade after cessation of hostilities. If America can stay out we can build for peace and will have an advantage because Germany must co-ordinate these various nations and revert to peacetime production. They must rebuild and produce for domestic consumption.

The very interested are the ones who have carried out the most ruthless, most destructive price and trade wars, and unfair trade practices with the aid of politicians and laws to destroy small industry. They can give Hitler a lesson.

Read *Scribners' Commentator* of May, 1941 — the article by Roger Wylie called "Latin America — Economic Pawn."

England has been our most bitter rival. She controlled the finances of nations through the ownership of their investments and trade balance, also by the purchase of bills of exchange against these nations, compelling them to trade with her. England controls the world's resources of slave nations such as China, Africa and India. This is shipped as well as the world trade in her bottoms — getting cash and control over their economy.

Who forced Germany to adopt her present trade policy? The New Deal's gold buying, gold devaluation, Stabilization Fund and reciprocal trade, together with the boycott movements of certain *cliques* to carry out their program of hate and revenge.

— **Social Justice Reader.**

Milwaukee, Wis.

Christians Hate Sin, Not Jewish Race

TO THE EDITOR:

Reading your editorial, "Jews and Lent" in the April 28 issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE, I should like to tell the Jewish readers of your paper how we Christians are taught to regard the part their ancestors played in the sufferings and death of the Savior and why we cannot hate the Jews.

The reason is Christ's own command, *"Love your enemies; do good to them that hate you and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you."*

We had this command put into practice when our Lord gave up the ghost, saying, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

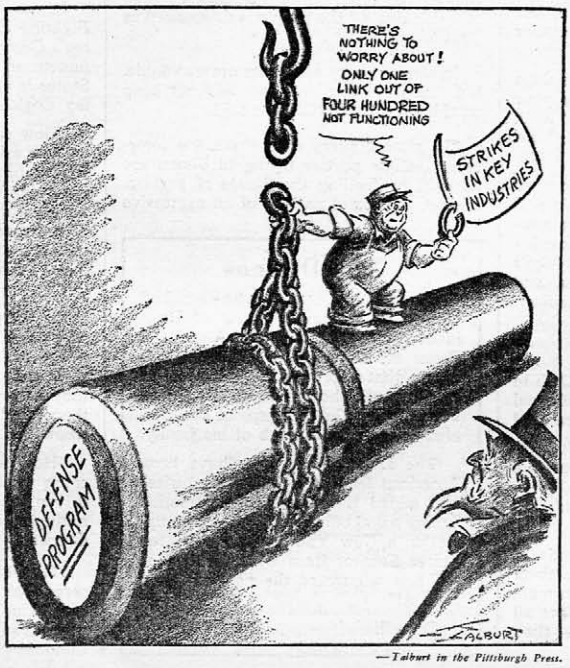
When we look at a Crucifix, I wish the Jewish people could understand that we do not think, "The Jews have done this; how I hate them!" Sin caused the Crucifixion, so when we gaze upon the image of the Son of God hanging on the Cross, and recall what He suffered to redeem mankind, we are moved to sorrow and *hatred of sin,* not Jews, and we resolve to live better lives in accordance with the doctrine of Christ. Such is the purpose of the Crucifix in our lives.

Of course, I am aware that all this has been explained time and time again. It seemed to me, however, that if an ordinary laywoman put our view on the Crucifixion in her own words, perhaps, it would carry conviction.

It has been my opinion for many years that Jewish thinkers do their people an injury when they keep harping on the fact that Christians hate Jews because their ancestors killed Christ.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — I.M.D.

But It All Hangs on That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—Taiburt in the Pittsburgh Press.

Pleads for More Faith

TO THE EDITOR:

My motto is "never go back on an old friend," hence, I am writing to ask the boon of a little space to say a few words in favor of Father Charles E. Coughlin, the best friend that the poor man ever had, though we did not realize it at the time. The greatest calamity that ever befell this nation was when he was excluded from the radio.

Had he been left to defend our rights, this infernal war might have been averted, and we might have been spared the unpardonable wrong of having to face the problem of having our property confiscated by unjust taxation and losing our little homes to sustain the rough beggars of Britain.

There are those who possess the happy faculty of turning wrong into "right," and then some newspaper correspondent comes along, gets hold of the article and by the time he gets through with it, you will find that you have it under the guise of a sense of humor.

Father Coughlin was a kind, benign, benevolent and generous friend, one of those staunch Americans who wasn't afraid to call a spade a spade, and one who, like the founders of this nation, would have fought for it until the last armed foe expired.

I am praying fervently that God may reverse the order of things and send us some leaders who do not believe in war and concentration camps, because, like Judith of old, He doesn't rule as she said, by multitudes, but by a single act of His all powerful will.

I would like to ask all who read this letter to put their trust in St. Anthony, to use his influence with God to save our beloved country, as he is a powerful advocate before the throne of God; and promise God if he will come to our assistance that we will be more faithful to Him in the future than we have been in the past.

Baltimore, Md. — N.B.

The 'Root of All Evil'

TO THE EDITOR:

A people kept in ignorance is a nation enslaved.

We have been enslaved since 1913 by a dishonest money system, and a so-called free press, dare not tell the American people the truth.

The truth is left for Father Coughlin and SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine.

The truth is we have been enslaved to a rotten, dishonest money system, since Congress violated the *Constitution* and deprived the American people their constitutional right to coin and regulate the value of our own money.

"Hitler" is not responsible for want in the midst of plenty in the United States. "Hitler" did not give us our present money system.

Let us not blame Hitler for the condition the world is in today. Be honest with God and yourselves, put the blame where it belongs, with the international bankers, the war mongers.

Rome fell, Greece fell, Egypt fell, France fell; why? Because they left God out of government.

If England falls it will be because of an unChristian money system.

DeGolia, Pa. —E.C.W.

Comment

The Catholic Voice Pleads for Peace

As THE war-mongers continue their hysterical harangues intended to create a public opinion which will force the President to take America into war, prominent Christian leaders courageously raise their voices for peace.

Speaking in Boston, before the 47th annual Massachusetts State Convention of the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal O'Connell excoriated the war-mongers and their catchy slogans.

"Of all the things in this world," said His Eminence, "I think that we most have to be on guard against are these slimy slogans that mean nothing. They are all insults to one's intelligence. And worse than that, they are dishonest.

" 'Make the world safe for democracy.'

" 'The war to end wars.'

"Oh, how slick that is. It sounds so nice. 'The war to end war.' Of course, everybody wants to end war; so they rush in to end the war that they begin. We have had wars ever since, and the worst one the world has ever known has come about since this slogan was manufactured to fool the people.

"What a crime to deceive the poor people!

"To bring about what? To bring about disunion, confusion, and, little by little, the loss of everything they hold dear — the loss of their own children, the loss of their own possessions, the loss of their civil rights!"

The Cardinal's 45-minute address was the bitterest and most forceful of several he has made in recent months denouncing the interventionists who seek to plunge America into Britain's war.

His Eminence declared that America must be adequately armed for defense but should direct its efforts toward peace rather than war.

"Yet to say the word 'peace' nowadays would be almost to bring down upon your head a torrent of abuse," he added. "Well, is that rational, or just hysterical?" he asked.

The President has used the analogy of putting out the fire in Europe before it spreads to our own country. In this connection Cardinal O'Connell said that America should 'not run around to everybody else's fire, *trying to extinguish all blazes, and come back and find its own house in ruins.*"

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In an address before the Curley Club in Washington, D. C., the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and Washington, warned:

"We gained nothing in the last war. We did not make the world 'safe for democracy.' We only helped to lay the foundation for future wars.

"Today, when nations set up gods of their own, following them blindly, there can be no peace. Because, when men meet again around a conference table to get all they can in order to gain prestige — then peace is left outside."

The Archbishop declared that "if we enter into the fray, let us hope we win, but if we do, we will pay the price. We shall see the collapse of our whole economic and social setup, with the result that we will face a situation which will far outdo the situation we faced in 1929 — and subsequent starvation."

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The Daughters of Isabella of Ohio, in state convention at Lima, heard Most Rev. Carl J. Alter, Bishop of Toledo, point out that Catholics favoring peace are not "appeasers."

"We do not want peace at any price," Bishop Alter asserted. "We are prepared to defend our rights and our territory whenever they are attacked . . . But we want to be sure we are on the defense. We want to be sure we are not guilty of aggression.

"What are our rights?

"Where do they begin? Where do they end?

"We must have a clearer definition of our foreign policy."

"Until men realistically and practically return to religion, there can be no basis for a common brotherhood, for a right order, and without order there can be no peace," the Toledo Bishop asserted.

"We advocate peace, rightly understood. We defend our rights as a duty. We do not wish, nor do we think it is possible, to impose our way of life by military or political power or force."

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Very Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S. J., president of Fordham University, added his voice to those pleading for calm reasoning and common sense in determining America's part in the war.

He attacked the small *clique* of war-mongers who begin wars for their own aggrandizement and then, by propaganda, induce innocent citizens to join the jingoists. As the propaganda increases, he said, real thinking by the people is denounced as "traitorous."

In almost every case wars are avoidable, but "men are troubled and will not keep on thinking," Msgr. Gannon said.

"In almost every case there are *interested outside* parties trying to discourage thought by feeding the flames of passion. In fact, the secret pattern of an aggressive war is becoming more familiar to us every day.

"There are usually small, interested groups, entirely selfish and highly organized, who decide ahead of time that destruction of property and loss of other men's lives is for some reason to their advantage. They know that the vast majority of citizens, if allowed to keep on thinking, will seek a rational solution, so that systematically, step by step, the organized few play on the passions of the emotional people.

"The tom-toms sound in the city streets, louder and louder and louder, until men drop their books and rush out of their homes to join a war dance. *When most of the population has lost its mind and is marching toward the cliff, anyone who keeps on thinking finds himself a dangerous traitor to his country.*"

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At an assembly of Holy Name Sodality members in Mount Vernon, New York, Right Rev. Francis N. Walsh, vicar delegate to the Army and Navy, and a veteran of the World War, warned Congress that its members will be held responsible for every drop of blood shed by American boys in a foreign war.

Msgr. Walsh emphasized that he is not an isolationist in matters of peace — that he believes this nation should collaborate with others to maintain peace — but, he added, "in matters of war, I am an isolationist.

"I believe that while this nation should adequately arm itself for defense, it should resort to war only when unjust aggression is directed against itself and only when war is the last resort to repel it.

"I am willing that the Congress of the United States should decide whether or not war is necessary to repel it. But I warn the members of Congress that in the event of war they, individually, will be held accountable before the Judgment Seat of Almighty God for every drop of blood spilled and for every ounce of treasure destroyed."

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In an article entitled, *"What Are We Fighting For?"* in the May issue of *Scribner's Commentator*, Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen punctured the argument that the United States is fighting for "Christianity" by aiding England.

"How can we be fighting for Christianity," he asked, "when we are not *living* for Christianity? To call Hitler anti-Christ does not mean we are for Christ. If at least 60 per cent of the parents of the United States do not care enough about God to give their children a religious education, do you think they would fight to defend the rights of God?

"If 60 per cent of Americans consider religion no more essential for their own peace of soul and the moral conduct of their children than a game of golf, would they be ready to die for religion any more than they die for golf? Men only fight for what they love.

"How can we be said to be fighting God's cause when we call that nation which has driven religion from its borders, murdered millions, and officially proclaimed atheism, a 'friendly nation'? I mean Soviet Russia.

"How can we say we are fighting to preserve liberty, justice, and democracy, while embracing in friendly gesture that tyranny which has snuffed out the liberties of one hundred and sixty million people?"

The Delanos

DANIEL W. DELANO, who described himself as a "fourth cousin of President Roosevelt," told the Associated Press at Hartford, Connecticut, recently, that a forthcoming genealogical study would show that the President has followed the footsteps of the Delano, or maternal branch of his family.

The Delanos, he said, "have been American leaders for three centuries" and added that the family included "many naval officers, a Treasury comptroller, a New York mayor, a United States Senator from Ohio, as well as the first winner of the national liars' contest!"

Do tell!

Comment

Walter Winchell's Wail

WALTER WINCHELL, in case you didn't know, is the former vodvil hoofer turned "journalist," who changed a quiet Sunday evening into an Orson-Wellesian horror with his hysterical "scoop" about an F.B.I. round-up of 17 young "traitors" caught in the act of overturning the United States Government. Consistently, he clamored for their conviction, and pressed for investigations of Father Coughlin and SOCIAL JUSTICE Magazine with the rest of the Commies; but, conveniently, forgot to apologize to the Christian Front boys — or to the Rev. Father Coughlin — when the United States Courts dismissed the charges.

Mr. Arthur Robb of *Editor & Publisher*, the magazine of the newspaper trade, discusses Mr. Winchell's status. By reason of the wide publication of his New York gossip column, it seems, Winchell has to be regarded as a newspaper man.

We quote *Editor & Publisher:*

"Walter Winchell has raised again the eternal question of the right of a columnist to get his stuff printed by newspapers which subscribe to his service. In his column of May 7, in the *New York Mirror*, Winchell relates that one of the newspapers on his list omitted his column twice last week, the editor explaining, under the standing Winchell head, that 'the material therein is, in our opinion, abusive, factually open to question, etc.'

"The two omitted pieces dealt with the speeches and activities of Charles A. Lindbergh, and, in the opinion of this writer, it was an understatement to call them 'abusive.' They were excellent examples of the Winchell name-calling technique, dealing with their subject in a fashion that would not be tolerated in any other department of any newspaper . . ."

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Every item of news or comment that gets printed is subjected to the approval of some newspaper man, without whose approving judgment it could not get beyond the copy-desk, Mr. Robb points out.

"That," he adds, "has nothing whatever to do with the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment. It is an entirely different question.

"The freedom guaranteed in the *Bill of Rights* is a freedom from Government restraint. It is a safeguard of popular rights against infringement by Government. It does, of course, carry with it the implied responsibility that the owner, editor, or publisher will work for the public good, and that he will not step into the sphere prohibited to Government by coloring or suppressing news against the public interest.

"The columnist is not an editor, and he does not share the responsibility of an editor for the presentation of the news and comment of the day. His assignment is the production of several hundred interesting words every day, usually free from the limitations of editorial policy of the several papers he serves. Mr. Winchell has enjoyed that freedom to a degree unmatched by any of his contemporaries, and we cannot say that his use of it has always reflected credit on American newspaper work . . .

"The editor who ditched the Winchell columns was not withholding news or information from his readers — he was keeping out of the paper information which, to his mind, was factually doubtful, unkind, and abusive of a man whose activities were already receiving adequate attention in other news and editorial columns. That was a proper exercise of the editorial function.

"We hold that the editor of a newspaper, acting for the ownership, must assume the right of final judgment on what appears in his columns. He cannot abdicate that right of judgment to any writer, no matter how famous, highly paid, or distinguished the latter may be. As an editor, he has no right to alter the opinions which appear under another man's by-line, but he most certainly does have the right to omit material which he regards as unsuitable for publication, and he has the right to do so without subjecting himself to name-calling by the offended writer.

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"Another instance of incipient rebellion by featured writers against editorial judgment has recently been noted in the columns of New York's egregious *PM*," the *Editor & Publisher* article continues. "When Lindbergh resigned his commission, Ben Hecht was moved to review the flier's public career in about a column of verse. *PM* preferred to note the event sardonically under one of its 'File and Forget' heads and omitted the 'poetry.' Immediately came a strong telegraphic squawk from Mr. Hecht at Malibu Beach, tendering his resignation, which seems to be almost a weekly routine with him.

"Two days later, *PM* printed the exchange of telegrams between the outraged versifier and Ralph Ingersoll, the editor, and also the verse that had been left out. The space might have had better use.

"Last week, *PM* published a story on the activities of the mysterious William Rhodes Davis, written by Kenneth Crawford and George Reedy of its Washington bureau. The story was printed as written, but its publication produced a protest from the writers because it was printed where the want ads would be if *PM* carried want ads. Again, there was an exchange of long telegrams between the Washington men and Mr. Ingersoll and again, the full text of protest and reply were printed with prominent display . . .

"If Ben Hecht, or Mr. Crawford or Mr. Reedy had resigned because of their variance of views with Mr. Ingersoll, that would have been news for *Editor & Publisher*, and it might have had some passing interest for readers of *PM*, but there seems to be little interest in the fact that they cooled off after popping some torrid language. If newspapers gave their space to the things that almost, but not quite, happen, there would be little left for events that actually do come off.

"The various viewpoints expressed by Winchell, Hecht, Crawford and Reedy, also Ingersoll, are a far cry from the journalism of a generation ago, which operated on the theory that the story and not the man who wrote it was news. The newspaper was bigger than any man on its staff, bigger than all of them put together, and it is difficult to imagine a newspaper owned by Adolph S. Ochs, Victor F. Lawson, or William Rockhill Nelson filling columns with inter-office memoranda between the editor and his reporters. They had a tough enough job in whittling the available news of importance to the public into the space available for its publication. And it seems to us that they set a sounder basis for genuine journalism than can be found in *PM's* practice of conducting its business in a sidewalk showcase."

Christian Revolution

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and would anesthetize all possible qualms of conscience, awakened by Father Connell's caution.

"The same issue of *America* carries another defense of the *Inter-Faith Movement*. This one is from a layman, one Mr. Higgins. He seemed very much wrought up that any adverse criticism should be visited upon a program such as that of the *Inter-Faith Movement*. But, being a layman, he may be praised for his good-will as freely as he may be forgiven for his lack of whatsoever theological science may have a bearing on the case. Some laymen are too prompt to accept security of social and financial position or even the promotion of mere amiability as a means of salvation. But in the words of Hamlet: 'That would be scanned.'

"Some defenders of the Inter-Faith program, such as Father Parsons, tell us that no speaker is permitted to discuss points of Faith. Why then is it called an *Inter-Faith Movement?* Does that really describe its purpose? Why give the movement a religious title?

"Its sponsors claim that the purpose of the movement is to 'create harmony among the different faiths.' But how can harmony among different faiths be effected, if the points of faith which may be the basis of a lack of harmony are strictly banned from discussion? Would it not seem necessary that they be properly explained and evaluated? How can any of the faiths be assisted and their adherents benefited unless the differences between these points of faith be noted and an effort be made to clarify them?

"A neglect of this process might imply a lack of courage, or even of honesty, in those who profess these faiths. Any hesitancy in clearness of treatment of the points of faith might suggest a dogmatic equality of all beliefs, and might favor the theory of indifferentism in religion. Why, then, call it an *Inter-Faith Movement*, if all consideration of the relative value, of the content of any faith must be kept from the people? Does it invite us to join those who scornfully discard dogma? And if it really be not a Faith Movement and, therefore, calling for doctrinal precision, why was it instituted and why is it led and manned by religious leaders?

"Perhaps, it is not a Faith Movement. Its purpose may be chiefly the securing of social, political and economic advantages. If so, why not leave it to laymen whose ambitions for such goods are more readily admitted and whose worldly skill would assure greater success?"

New Deal Minstrels

A CONTRIBUTOR with a flair for the theatrical volunteers the following dialog for a radio script, but the office quipster thought it would go better in a minstrel first part:

Interlocutor: Who was that convoy I saw you with?

End Man: That was no convoy, it was a patrol!

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Mr. Roosevelt's Opportunity!

MR. ROOSEVELT'S foreign policy—beginning with the *Gold Nationalization Act* of 1934-5—has proven to be the most disastrous enterprise of his whole presidential career.

Unfortunately, the President — instead of driving the money changers from the temple—handed the temple over to the gold-mongers and private controllers and coiners of money.

Time and again, his erstwhile friends pleaded with him to rectify the financial structure in America.

Time and again, they pleaded with him to have Congress coin and regulate the value of money; to have Congress pass legislation which would effect a living annual wage for labor; and to have Congress institute measures which would guarantee production at a profit for the farmer.

One by one, his friends were forced to retire from Mr. Roosevelt's circle.

And one by one, the internationalists, the money changers, the radicals and the agricultural crack-pots gained his ear.

At long last, the truth is evident to every person.

Now that propaganda has failed to win support for our entrance into a gold war under the name of democracy; now that Britain is about to follow France in defeat; now that England is about to cast her lot with the Axis economy, is it not time for Mr. Roosevelt to rid himself of those men and groups who have been responsible for creating one failure after another in America since 1934?

More than that, they are they whom Mr. Roosevelt can blame for the predicament in which he finds himself today—an isolated Prometheus manacled by his pretended friends.

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It is not too late, Mr. Roosevelt. You invited Knox and Stimson and Morgenthau and Hull and Ickes into your Cabinet.

You can ask them to retire.

It is not too late for you to face facts and admit to the American people who elected you to your high office that you have failed—failed not because your heart was stifled, but because your mind was poisoned by false prophets and by those who would use you and your high office for their material ends.

Raymond Moley, for example, is still available. He is still your friend.

And hundreds of others, who were forced to walk alone because they could not walk with those who had gained your ear, are still available.

You are the President of the United States — of all the people.

You have given no pledge to be President for one group only.

Now is the propitious time—prior to July 4th—for you to prepare the way for better days.

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To use a homely American metaphor, we will remind you of old Rube Wadell.

Do you remember reading on the sport page how the Old Master Hurler oftentimes called in the outfielders and then proceeded to strike out the next three batters up?

You are the Master Hurler, if you want to be.

Perhaps, the bases are loaded with runs that will count against you.

Perhaps, these runners on base are there because your outfielders muffed the ball.

Well, call them in. Bench them!

And then, wind up as you never wound up before and strike out the three batters—International Capitalism, Overburdensome Taxation and Industrial Unrest!

Mr. Roosevelt, you can do it—if you want to do it.

And all America in this crucial game will applaud you from the grandstand of their homes, their factories and their farms.

Read 'Catholics—Defeat or Victory'
The Christian Revolution in America